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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
UNION COUNTY, OHIO, GENERAL DIVISION

In Re:

Case No. 2020-MS-0023

ORDER ENDING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

JOURNAL ENTRY

On March 16, 2020, the undersigned Judge of the Union County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, declared a Judicial Emergency and on April 24, 2020, extended the same through May 31, 2020, including suspending jury trials, both criminal and civil, until June 1, 2020. Beginning June 1, 2020, this Court resumed in person hearings, including jury trials, in criminal, civil, and domestic matters, with the exception of some criminal matters wherein incarcerated defendants appear by way of video with the institution. The judicial emergency, having not been further extended, ceased on May 31, 2020.

Since that time, the Ohio Department of Health issued its Public Health Advisory System based upon data indicators wherein Union County is identified as a Level 1 Public Emergency, the lowest risk level.

It is therefore ORDERED that the Union County Courthouse is operating under an open status as modified herein.

It is further ORDERED that to protect the health of our citizens and Court employees, anyone without specific business in the courthouse is hereby prohibited from entry. Only those individuals who are attorneys, parties, or witnesses will be permitted entry to the second floor of the courthouse. All individuals seeking entry shall check in with security, provide proper identification, sign in with name address and contact information, answer all questions propounded, have their temperature taken, and go through the metal detector. Anyone who exhibits signs of illness shall be prohibited from entering. All individuals who are permitted entry into the courthouse shall practice social distancing and shall attempt, whenever possible, to keep a distance between themselves and others of 6 feet or more. This paragraph shall not apply to Union County employees.

Judicial employees, clerk of courts staff, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and security personnel who exhibit signs of illness shall notify their employing or reporting authority by telephone or email and shall not come into the courthouse or report for duty unless specifically instructed to do so by the employing or reporting authority. Any person employed in the courthouse may be subject to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and exclusion from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing. Employees of the court not on duty in the courthouse may be permitted to work remotely. All judicial employees are deemed essential, even if working remotely from home, and shall be paid their regular salaries.

The Union County Clerk of Courts is ordered to serve a copy of this Journal Entry upon the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Union County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division, Marysville Municipal Court, Union County Clerk of Courts, Union County Adult Probation Department, Union County APA, Union County Bar Association, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Union County Criminal Defense Lawyers, Union County

Sheriff, Marysville Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Plain City Police Department, Richwood Police Department, Union County Health Commissioner, Union County Board of Commissioners, the website of this court, and the media.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



DON W. FRASER, JUDGE