

THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

Administrative Order
In re Tolling of Case-Time Standards under Sup.R. 39

Frequently Asked Questions

The December 16, 2020 [administrative order](#) tolls the case processing time limits pursuant to Sup.R. 39. This order does not apply to the time requirements contained in any other rules or statutes, such as filing deadlines, statutes of limitations, etc.

Q: What is covered by the December 16, 2020 order?

A: The order tolls time limits imposed by Sup.R. 39 and contained on the Supreme Court case statistical report forms.

Q: What is the effective date of the order and how long are the time limits tolled?

A: The order is effective December 16, 2020, and will extend the time standards for 90 days.

Q: Does the order affect the case processing time limits as outlined on the appellate and trial court statistical report forms?

A: Yes, the order tolls the time by which appellate courts and trial courts are required to complete certain case types. Case time limits imposed by Sup.R. 39 and on the Supreme Court case statistical report forms are tolled for 90 days. If overage cases cannot be adjusted through the court's case management system, email the [Case Management Section](#) to provide an explanation or request guidance. Time requirements imposed by the Ohio Revised Code are *not* tolled.

Q: Does the order affect the submission date of the statistical reports?

A: No, the order does not toll the requirement that appellate and trial courts submit caseload statistics. Courts must continue to submit case statistical reports to the Supreme Court in a timely fashion.

Q: How does the order affect the operation of my court?

A: The order only speaks to case processing time limits. It does not impact the day-to-day operations of the courts. It is imperative that courts remain operational to hear essential matters such as arraignments, domestic violence orders, child protection orders, etc. When virtual appearances are appropriate, courts are encouraged to use technology to minimize contact between individuals in accordance with safety guidelines. When in-person court events must proceed, they should be conducted in accordance with the safety guidance from the Supreme Court as well as in accordance with orders and guidance issued by the Ohio Department of Health and local health departments.

Q: Does the order toll time requirements established by statute?

A: No, this order only applies to case time limits as they relate to Supreme Court case statistical report form reporting requirements. This order does not apply to any other time requirement.

Q: Does the order toll time requirements under any other rules (e.g., criminal, civil, juvenile, and appellate rules of practice)?

A: No, this order applies only to case time limits as they relate to Supreme Court case statistical report form reporting requirements. This order does not apply to any other time requirement.