

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY : Case No.
COURT OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS : **Amended**
OPERATIONS UNDER EXIGENT : **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED :
BY COVID-19 :

The Domestic Relations Court will develop a continuum of flexible responses if the Covid-19 public health crisis escalates or increases in size and scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Domestic Relations Court.

ORDER

1. Anyone entering the domestic relations court waiting room or hearing rooms must wear a protective face covering. If a person refuses to do so, he/she must leave the building immediately.
2. The Court will conduct all pretrial hearings, reports, dissolutions, and agreed entry hearings currently scheduled before June 1, 2020, by telephone. Neither party nor either attorney will appear in person but must appear by telephone. A self-represented party or attorney must provide the Court with a phone number where he/she may be reached at the scheduled time for the pretrial or report.
3. The Court will hear all currently scheduled Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order hearings as scheduled. Parties should not bring other people or family members with them into the courthouse. All non-party witnesses must remain outside the building until called to testify.
4. The court will hold *ex parte* hearings on Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order petitions that are filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3113.31, on the day of filing. All petitions must be filed between 8 am and 2 pm, Monday through Friday.
5. All other scheduled hearings are converted to a 15 minute telephone conference on the date currently scheduled until June 1, 2020, unless otherwise noted in the case.
6. The Court has the authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared Covid-19 public health emergency.
7. The suspension of hearings will be until June 1, 2020, unless the Court determines an extension is necessary due to the emergency status.

Judge Kathleen M. Rodenberg