

## NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 ORDER ISSUED BY SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

The Fifth District Court of Appeals is taking the following measures in accordance with the Orders of the Ohio Supreme Court and Governor DeWine. These measures are designed to take the necessary steps to keep the public, attorneys and our staff safe and continue to conduct the business of the Court.

1. The Fifth District Court of Appeals will remain open to serve the citizens in its fifteen (15) counties during the emergency period. Many employees are teleworking, but may be contacted via phone or email to assist with any matters.
2. Pursuant to the Supreme Court's order of March 27, 2020, all filing deadlines have been "tolled" until the date the period of emergency ends or July 30, 2020, whichever is sooner. This includes any time deadlines imposed by this Court's "Local Appellate Rules."
3. Notwithstanding the tolling of time requirements, the Court will maintain and continue its daily operations and essential operations for the duration of the Tolling Order.
4. Notwithstanding the tolling of time requirements, this Court may issue an order requiring filings in accordance with its Local Appellate Rules or any other applicable rule, by a specific due date. **The Court encourages attorneys and parties to comply with these deadlines, to the extent the attorneys and parties are able to do so while maintaining their safety and observing social distancing practices.**
5. Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order, this Court may enter **an enforceable order setting a required deadline for filing**, if it pertains to a situation that **"requires immediate attention."** Such orders will be entered on a case-by-case basis.
6. To the extent court reporters are able to do so while maintaining their safety and observing social distancing practices, the Court encourages all court reporters to prepare transcripts and file them with the appropriate clerk's office.
7. The Court will continue to decide cases that have been fully briefed and are ready for merit review. Until further notice of the Court, all fully briefed cases shall be submitted on the briefs, without oral argument.
8. All mediations will be conducted remotely to limit contact but still allow the parties to use the Court's mediation program.

9. The offices of the Fifth District Court of Appeals are closed for public visits.
10. Any questions regarding the operation of the clerks of court offices in the Fifth District should be directed to the clerk's office in that county.
11. Upon expiration of this order, which is either the date the period of emergency ends or July 30, 2020, all time requirements tolled by this order shall resume.
12. Questions may be answered by visiting the Court's website at <https://www.starkcountyohio.gov/fifth-district>. Questions may also be answered by emailing the Court at [5thDistrictCoA@starkcountyohio.gov](mailto:5thDistrictCoA@starkcountyohio.gov) or by calling (330) 451-7765.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earle E. Wise, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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EARLE E. WISE, JR.  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE