

IN THE GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT, GALLIA COUNTY, OHIO

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GALLIPOLIS  
MUNICIPAL COURT

IN RE: Order for Continuing Court Operations  
in connection with the  
COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health situation

Now comes the Court and finds that circumstances dictate updating protocols, supplementing and partially superseding the Order filed December 28, 2020 in regard to the current public health situation.

The Court finds that the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio Judicial Conference have consistently provided local trial courts with recommendations regarding best practices, that some recommendations have evolved as circumstances have changed, and that any Orders crafted by the Court have been in conformity with those recommendations. The Court's protocols also change as circumstances change.

Therefore, with the intent to protect the health of the public, members of the bar and employees; to maintain essential functions; to provide the public with access to justice; and to ensure the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court, the Court hereby

**ORDERS:**

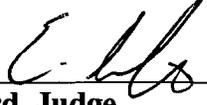
1. The Court will continue to observe social distancing guidelines in the lobby and the courtroom. The bailiff/court officers and city police officers are authorized to control access to the lobby and courtroom as circumstances dictate. Each officer may use his/her informed judgment in gradually increasing public access to the courtroom as the public health situation stabilizes locally, while remaining tolerant and

accommodating of those individuals who prefer to continue practicing more strict protocols.

2. The Court encourages but does not require the use of facial coverings, except in situations where social distancing is impossible.
3. The public and attorneys are encouraged to continue to use the options available by telephone, FAX, mail, and online to transact business with the Court; to attend civil initial pre-trials by phone; and to submit written criminal/traffic pre-trial reports in cases where scheduling is the only pre-trial issue.
4. The Court will continue to make reasonable and practical efforts to abide by the recommendations set forth in the “Standards and Practices Essential to the Resumption of Jury Trials in Ohio,” prepared for the Chief Justice by the Ohio Jury Trial Advisory Group and dated May 12, 2020, the contents of which are incorporated herein.
5. All previous Orders not specifically referenced herein are hereby rescinded.
6. The Court may, at any time, adjust these general provisions in the event that any significant change occurs locally in the public health situation.

Effective Date: June 2, 2021

All of the above So Ordered.

  
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**Eric Mulford, Judge**

The Clerk is directed to serve a copy of the foregoing upon all members of the Gallia County Bar Association and the Gallipolis Police Department.