

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUVENILE DIVISION
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

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JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDLELL

CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE
GEAUGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
DUE TO COVID-19

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2020-365**

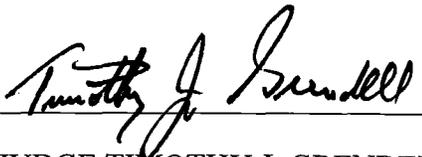
Based on recent guidance from the Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, and in a prudent effort to reduce physical interaction at Geauga County Juvenile Court during the uncertainty arising from the ongoing coronavirus situation (COVID-19), the Court finds it appropriate to issue further orders, and reiterate prior orders intended to ensure the well-being of all those involved in the Juvenile Court process.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. To ensure the well-being of both Court staff and individuals who enter the Court, individuals will have his or her temperature checked and hands sanitized (as is the Court's current procedure). Any individual, upon screening procedures, who exhibits signs of illness shall be directed to leave the courthouse immediately.
2. There will only be one individual, couple or family at a time when conducting business with a clerk at each of the clerk windows (Juvenile, Probate, and the Marriage License window).
3. The Court, in attempt to limit physical interaction and space within the courtroom, requests that individuals who are not parties or witnesses not attend court proceedings.

4. The following Juvenile Court proceedings shall remain in person: adjudicatory hearings, dispositional hearings, and impose hearings. These proceedings may be relocated to a larger venue to allow for more social distancing as deemed necessary by the Court.
5. All other types of Juvenile Court proceedings, including but not limited to, initial hearings, pretrials, review hearings, and show cause hearings, will be conducted telephonically, unless specifically ordered otherwise in-person.
6. Jury trials, will be addressed accordingly, and will take into account relocating these hearings to a larger venue to allow for more social distancing as deemed necessary by the Court.
- ~~7. Emergency hearings, that may include ex-parte hearings for custody, will continue to be handled under current procedures.~~
8. The Court reserves the option to have any hearing in-person or telephonically as it deems necessary and appropriate, and parties or counsel may, by motion, request hearings to be conducted in-person or telephonically.
9. Certain filings will be accepted by fax at 440-285-8751, as long as the original is also filed by mail. The forms for most juvenile matters are available at <https://www.co.geauga.oh.us/commonpleas/Juvenile/Juvenile-Forms>

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

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