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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF HENRY COUNTY, OHIO
DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

In the matter of:

Case No. 20205001

The State of Emergency for Ohio
Declared on Monday, March 9, 2020
By Governor DeWine

Judgment Entry

This matter came on for consideration upon Executive Order 2020 – 01D “Declaring a State of Emergency” in response to the growing COVID-19 coronavirus health crisis, the World Health Organization officially declaring the same to be a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, and the confirmed cases in the United States and in the State of Ohio.

Upon consideration of the same, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** as follows:

First: All pretrial conferences shall be conducted by telephone. Attorneys and parties shall not report to the court in person. Attorneys and unrepresented parties shall notify the court of the telephone number upon which they wish to be called and the court will initiate the calls at the time specified.

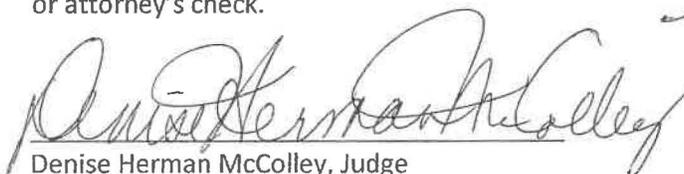
Second: Unless otherwise approved by the judge or magistrate, all juvenile dispositional review, juvenile traffic, juvenile tobacco offender, unruly child, child support, divorce, legal separation, annulment, and child custody hearings will be continued by the court until a date after May 15, 2020.

Third: Juvenile probation officers shall contact the youth they are supervising by telephone. There will be no home or office visits scheduled for youth on probation, absent a necessity approved by the judge or magistrate. Attorneys who represent youth who are in the Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center or the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center CCF should do so via telephone.

Fourth: The staff of the family intervention court shall consult with participants in family intervention court via telephone only. Participants shall be prepared to answer all telephone calls from the family intervention court staff or from the court. Upon request, participants shall speak to staff via face time or take an immediate “selfie” to indicate their location at the time of the call. Telephone calls from the family intervention court staff to participants are expected to be random and frequent. All intervention court hearings will be held by telephone with the court contacting the parties involved at a time specified or, if not otherwise specified between 1:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on the afternoon upon which the participant’s hearing is scheduled. Drug screens may be suspended or, upon suspension, may be renewed upon the court’s direction.

Fifth: With regard to hearings that must be conducted (e.g, civil protection orders, juvenile abuse, neglect or dependency shelter care, adjudication or initial disposition, juvenile delinquency detention cases), ONLY parties to a case and their attorneys, if any, should attend court proceedings. Others should not be in the courtroom, conference rooms or waiting areas. If others do appear for proceedings, they will be asked to leave the premises. Counsel for the parties shall communicate at least two days before any hearing in an attempt to resolve any outstanding issues and to determine the necessity of and schedule for calling witnesses. If the matter is not resolved or if there is a disagreement as to the calling of witnesses, the Court shall be contacted immediately to determine the necessity for an in-person hearing. If witnesses are to be called and if the parties are unable to arrive at a schedule for calling the witnesses, the court shall be contacted to establish a schedule so that witnesses are present only at times necessary for their appearance. In addition, upon advance approval, witnesses may be called via Skype or other electronic means.

Sixth: The Juvenile Clerk will not accept in-person payments for court costs, restitution, or other fees. Payments shall be made by phone or on the website, www.henrycountyfamilycourt.com using credit cards (credit cards are subject to an additional processing fee), by money order through the mail, or attorney's check.



Denise Herman McColley, Judge



Melissa Peper Firestone, Magistrate