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To: Members of the Bar

From: Judge Wright, Licking County Domestic Relations Court

#### Court Operations during COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Currently, the Court is monitoring the progress of the COVID-19 virus and following steps and suggestions of the CDC, Health Department and others. We are still developing plans and procedures to maintain core functions of the Court, and to provide services to the citizens of Licking County.

At the present time, we are still conducting business as usual and all scheduled hearings will proceed. If, however, an attorney, a litigant, or an essential witness is ill, has a fever or other symptoms of possible infection, please call the Court prior to coming to Court. The Court will consider a continuance of a hearing on a case-by-case basis, and even if the continuance request is made last minute.

This is a rapidly developing situation, and the above policy is subject to change upon additional information or recommendations of the various medical and health professionals.

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Domestic Relations Division