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SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Juvenile Division of the Common Pleas Court makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D “Declaring a State of Emergency” in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global “pandemic” requiring “urgent and aggressive action” to control the spread of the virus.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

Effective June 24, 2020 and continuing until further order of the court, the following are orders of the court in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Order supplements the Order filed with the court on May 1, 2020 and to the extent necessary supersedes any inconsistent order contained in that May 1, 2020 Order.

**1. FOR DELINQUENCY CASES:**

Videoconference will be used for Detention and Initial Appearances unless a request is made otherwise for a personal appearance.

Pleas and dispositions will be in person unless a request is made otherwise due to coronavirus concerns. The court will control and limit the number of persons in the courtroom to assure proper distancing. Those that should be present unless otherwise excused are the prosecutor, juvenile, counsel for juvenile and parent. The victim and Victim’s Office representative may participate by video. No other persons will be permitted in the courtroom unless approved by the judge.

All Trials shall be in person, unless otherwise ordered due to COVID-19 concerns.

**2. FOR DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT, AND ABUSE CASES:**

Shelter Care and Initial Appearance hearings will be held by video unless a request for in-person hearing is made by any party or counsel;

All contested Trials will be held In Person;

Adjudication by stipulation and disposition may continue to be held by videoconferencing unless a request for an in-person hearing is made by any party or counsel is requested;

Case review hearings will be held by videoconference.

**3. FOR CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER:**

For Custody/Visitation cases:

Pre-trials, status conferences and Agreed Entries of Settlement will be held by videoconference unless a request for an in-person hearing is made by any party or counsel;

Child interviews will be conducted In Person;

All contested hearings will be held In Person.

For Child Support:

Any party, whether Obligor or Obligee, may make a request to appear for hearing by videoconference;

Hearings to establish, modify or enforce child support will be conducted in person unless a request for a videoconference is made by any party or counsel;

The court will control and limit the number of persons in the courtroom to assure proper distancing. Those that should be present unless otherwise appearing by videoconferencing are counsel for Pickaway County Child Support Enforcement Agency (“PCCSEA”), Obligee, counsel for Obligee; Obligor, and counsel for Obligor. If needed, the PCCSEA caseworker may participate by video. No other persons will be permitted in the courtroom or the conference area unless approved by the court.

When parties, attorneys and staff are personally present in court, each will be subject to having their temperature taken, must maintain directed physical distancing, wear a face mask, face covering or face shield at all times in the courtroom and respond to a brief inquiry about current health conditions and potential prior exposure to COVID-19. If an individual has a temperature reading of 100.4 or higher, that person will not be admitted to the courtroom. If any individual refuses to wear a designated face covering, such person shall not be admitted to the courtroom at that time and the court staff will immediately inform the court to determine how the case may proceed.

For any in-person hearing, parties and attorneys shall notify the Court whether a request is being made to participate remotely and whether any witnesses will be appearing remotely, so that the court can make adequate preparations. Any such request shall be made in writing at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing and should be included in the party's pretrial statement.

When hearings are held by videoconference, instructions on how to participate in remote appearances will be mailed or emailed to the parties and their attorney. It is the responsibility of the parties and the attorney to provide current addresses or email information to the clerk to assure proper delivery of notices and information.

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