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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In Re: Temporary Administrative Order :
for Continuity of Court Operations in :
Response to the Coronavirus Public :
Health Emergency :
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ORDER
March 18, 2020

The Second District Court of Appeals issues this general order in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Southwest Ohio. There are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, in response to which the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, issued an executive order declaring an Ohio State of Emergency. The Governor's declaration follows the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's "Interim Guidance," recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including the review of guidelines from state and local health officials.

In consideration of said executive order and public health guidelines, the court orders as follows:

1. The Second District Court of Appeals remains open and will continue to conduct essential court business while taking appropriate measures to protect the public health.

2. In accordance with public health recommendations, the court will operate with minimal on-site staff, and employees of the court not on duty in the courthouse will work remotely. Court practices and policies may be adjusted to accommodate these changes to the court's operations.
3. The court's local rules may be temporarily adapted to allow court flexibility, within constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
4. In an effort to minimize the amount of travel and social interaction of litigants, attorneys, and judicial personnel, the court will conduct oral arguments remotely via telephone and/or video conferencing.
5. In light of the rapidly developing nature of this public health event, the Court will continue to monitor the situation and adjust its response as needed in order to maintain the essential court functions and public health. Orders and updated information will be posted on the court's website, www.SecondDistrictCoa.org/. Inquiries can be submitted to the court via email at: OhioSecondDistrict@mcoho.org and via telephone at 937-225-4464.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


MICHAEL L. TUCKER, Administrative Judge

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