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### **AKRON MUNICIPAL COURT ANNOUNCES NEW SAFETY PLAN RELATED TO COVID-19 THREAT**

**Akron, Ohio, May 28, 2021** – The Akron Municipal Court has made several updates to policies and procedures related to COVID-19. The following matters are effective immediately:

- Traffic Court will relocate back to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor and cases will be heard from that floor rather than the Mezzanine floor.
- For adequate social distancing and in the event jury trials are held in the Traffic courtroom, then the Traffic Court cases will be held in an alternate courtroom/location. Traffic Cases assigned to a Judge will be directed to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> floor courtrooms, unless a different procedure is requested by a Judge.
- The Court will restrict access to the courtrooms to those attorneys and individuals with court related matters only. No guests are permitted.
- The Court continues to encourage the use of technology (telephone conferencing, Zoom, etc.).
- Due to space constraints in the Akron Municipal Court building, masks will be required for the public entering the building until further notice of the Court.
- Social distancing protocols of six feet or greater will remain in place for the public visiting the building.
- The Court will continue to sanitize public spaces throughout the day.
- Court staff will be required to wear a mask when interacting with the public. Court staff who have been vaccinated are not required to wear a mask when in their space.

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If court users have questions, they are encouraged to contact the appropriate courtroom or division directly. Contact information for all courtrooms and divisions are listed in the departmental directory at: <https://akronmunicipalcourt.org/contact/department-directory/>.

*The Akron Municipal Court serves the cities of Akron and Fairlawn; the townships of Bath, Richfield and Springfield; the Villages of Lakemore and Richfield; and that part of Mogadore in Summit County, Ohio. For more information about Akron Municipal Court services and programs, please visit: <https://www.akronmunicipalcourt.org>*

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