

via phone only. Counsel is permitted to have their clients with them at their offices. Counsel can contact the Court Administrator in advance to test their equipment if desired. If the necessary equipment is not available in order to allow participation, the party or attorney shall notify the Court immediately in writing.

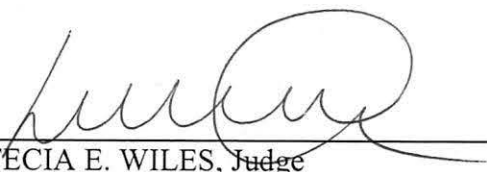
8. For any hearing set to occur via Zoom, a party must inform the Court in writing prior to the hearing, or at the beginning of the hearing, if that party does not wish to proceed via Zoom and would prefer the hearing take place in person.
9. This Court will consider whether hearings are taking place via video or phone on a case by case basis. In making this decision, the Court will consider all factors, including, but not limited to the wishes of the parties, constitutional and substantial rights of the parties, the legislation enacted, any administrative orders issued by the Ohio Supreme Court, the technological capabilities of the parties, the best interest of the children involved, the nature of the proceeding, and the statutory deadlines at play in the case.
10. Any other hearing that the Court finds is not essential to the wellbeing of the parties may be continued at the hearing officer's discretion.
11. Probation reporting may take place by phone or video at the discretion of the probation officer.
12. All Juvenile Detention Center and Youth Treatment Center family visits will take place by phone or video.
13. Guardians who need to complete continuing education requirements shall complete courses online through the Ohio Supreme Court or arrange to view a previously recorded course at the Wayne County Probate Court by calling the clerk at (330) 287-5577 to arrange a time.
14. In a guardianship proceeding requiring notice to the proposed ward, the applicant shall file a motion and proposed order to appoint a process server for the purpose of serving the proposed ward. The applicant shall also provide instructions to the Court as to how the court investigator can make contact with the proposed ward via video conference. The Court waives any requirement requiring a court investigator make contact in person with a proposed ward at this time.
15. Until further order, the Court will allow guardians to fulfill the pre-meeting requirement under Superintendence Rule 66.08(B) by meeting with the ward via Facetime, Zoom or similar technology.
16. The Court shall manage cases in other ways that may be deemed necessary to promote public health and safety, including reasonable continuance of non-essential court hearings, employee

teleworking, file access, expansion of Juvenile waiveable traffic offenses, and other such regulation to manage proceedings in consideration of public health and safety.

17. All persons entering the Probate Court or Juvenile Court area of the courthouse are required to wear a mask that covers nose and mouth. No face shields are permitted. All persons will also be required to observe social distancing.
18. All persons entering the Probate Court or Juvenile Court area of the courthouse will be subjected to mandatory temperature screening. This screening will be conducted at the security desk through the use of a contactless thermometer. Any individual who has a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher will be instructed to leave the courthouse immediately, and security will communicate this information to the appropriate judicial staff member.
19. The Wayne County Juvenile and Probate Courts and their waiting areas are restricted to attorneys, litigants, necessary witnesses, and individuals who need to file documents,. All individuals in the waiting area are required to comply with social distancing requirements and use face coverings at all times. Attorneys are encouraged and may be required to schedule witnesses at specific times to avoid having witnesses congregate in the waiting areas.
20. This order operates in conjunction with an Administrative Order also adopted by this Court entitled "ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL EMERGENCY AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF THE COURT DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC" and replaces this Court's prior "General Orders for the Continued Operation of the Wayne County Juvenile and Probate Court" dated March 19, 2020, and its subsequent amendment dated April 26, 2020.

It is the intention of the Court to remain in operation to perform its essential functions. The General Orders herein are meant to discourage anyone from personally appearing in the offices of Wayne County Juvenile and Probate Court unless absolutely necessary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



LATECIA E. WILES, Judge
Wayne County Common Pleas Court
Juvenile and Probate Divisions