

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE:)
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)) JUDGE CAROLYN J. PASCHKE
HEALTH CRISIS)
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) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
) [Health Crisis 2020-3]
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Due to concerns regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Crisis, the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas is taking the following actions to minimize the number of people who need to be physically present at the courthouse.

Until further notice:

1. All Civil Jury Trials through April 10, 2020 are postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.
2. All Criminal Jury Trials through April 3, 2020 are postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.
3. All Civil and Criminal Pretrials and Trial Management Conferences shall be by video or telephone unless otherwise ordered.
4. Civil Stalking Protection Order Cases and Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order Cases will be accepted and heard without interruption.
5. Emergency motions shall be addressed on a case by case basis and shall be heard at the discretion of the Judge or Magistrate.
6. Domestic relations cases shall be e-filed commencing March 17, 2020 with the exception of Civil Stalking Protection Order Cases and Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order cases.
7. All other Civil and Criminal cases shall be e-filed.

8. Motions for temporary support shall be handled by affidavit pursuant to Civ. R. 75(N).
9. Dissolution of Marriage cases shall go forward as scheduled.
10. The Court shall make every effort to conduct hearings by video or telephone where possible.
11. Criminal hearings shall be conducted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (with the exception of urgent or emergency matters).
12. Mediations that can be conducted by phone shall go forward as scheduled. In person mediations are postponed through April 10, 2020.

Due to a technology grant from the Ohio Supreme Court and the efforts of our Court IT department, Court staff and Clerk of Courts and staff, our electronic filing system is operating efficiently and we have capabilities to continue a significant amount of our work and Court functions electronically. We also have the capability to conduct much of our business via video and telephone.

While there will undoubtedly be some adjustments and interruptions, we are confident that we are in a position to serve the needs and ensure the safety of the residents of Geauga County, people having matters before the Court and all Geauga County Staff.

The foregoing Administrative Order and/or the information contained herein shall be published on the website for the Geauga County Common Pleas Court, Geauga County Clerk of Courts and Geauga County.

The foregoing Administrative Order shall also be furnished to local media outlets.
IT IS SO ORDERED.



CAROLYN J. PASCHKE, Administrative Judge

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