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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DOMESTIC and JUVENILE DIVISIONS  
TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:

ORDER OF CONTINUATION OF  
OPERATIONS

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GENERAL ORDER 20-09

Effective June 22, 2020 to assist in the Governor's Responsible RestartOhio plan and this Court's continuation of operations and containment of the COVID-19 virus, as well as to protect litigants, staff, and the public, the Court issues the following ORDERS:

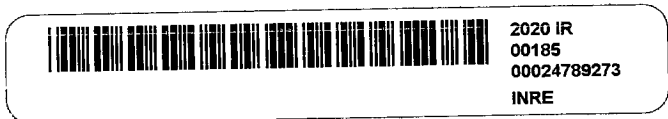
All cases previously continued during the pandemic shall be rescheduled in a manner that the Court deems most appropriate.

Unless otherwise set forth by order entered on the case, the following will apply for all scheduled hearings:

- (1) All contested trials, final hearings, and contempt proceedings will be in-person hearings and the litigants and counsel shall be expected to appear;
- (2) All pretrials will be conducted by telephone pretrial hearing. In the Court's discretion, a virtual pretrial hearing may be scheduled instead. If the pretrial is to be conducted by virtual hearing, a link for the virtual hearing will be sent by email at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing;
- (3) All temporary hearings, including ex parte hearings, will be conducted by virtual hearing;
- (4) All hearings on Petitions for Civil Protection Order will be by virtual hearing;
- (5) All juvenile delinquency and traffic cases will be conducted by virtual hearing; and
- (6) All Juvenile Rule 6 shelter care, adjudicatory and dispositional hearings filed by CSB shall be conducted by virtual hearing unless otherwise ordered.
- (7) All child support hearings will be conducted by telephone hearing. In the Court's discretion, a virtual hearing may be scheduled instead. If the child support hearing is to be conducted by virtual hearing, a link for the virtual hearing will be sent by email at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing.

If your case is scheduled for hearing, it is your responsibility to contact the Court Assignment Office to provide your telephone number and email address. Instructions for appearing by virtual hearing are posted on the Trumbull County Family Court website at [familycourt.co.trumbull.oh.us](http://familycourt.co.trumbull.oh.us). Copies are also available at the Domestic and Juvenile Clerk of Courts' offices.

**All persons entering the Family Court building shall wear a face covering and must comply with a screening process which includes a temperature check and a series of questions. While in the building, all persons shall practice social distancing. Access to the courthouse may be**



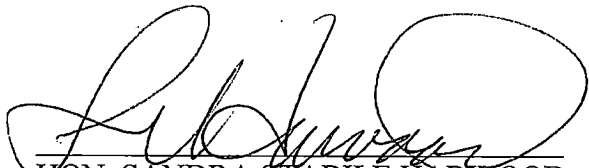
**denied as the Court deems necessary for the safety of the litigants, staff, and the public.**

**Only the parties and their attorneys shall be permitted in the building for hearings on their cases. Witnesses shall remain in their vehicles and will be notified when they are called to testify. Only others having essential business with the Court shall be permitted in the building.**

All probation and diversion cases, unless otherwise notified, shall continue to be conducted virtually or telephonically.

The hearing commencement times shall be strictly adhered to due to limitations on scheduling and social distancing. The court conference rooms will be closed and therefore any settlement discussions shall be held prior to the scheduled hearing.

This Order supersedes any other Orders issued that may conflict and shall remain in effect until further order.

  
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HON. SANDRA STABILE HARWOOD  
Administrative Judge

  
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HON. SAMUEL F. BLUEDORN

**KAREN INFANTE ALLEN**  
Clerk of Courts

JUN 5 2020

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS**  
Trumbull County

*INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK OF COURTS:* A copy of this order shall be served upon TCBA; MCBA; Supreme Court of Ohio; Sheriff's Department' TCCSB; Solace Center; and published on this Court's Website and the Clerk of Court's Website