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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO  
JUVENILE/PROBATE DIVISIONS

SCOTT ADENBURGER  
JUDGE

JUDGMENT ENTRY

NO. 22001005

TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)  
PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

The Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, Ohio, Juvenile/Probate Divisions makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 13, 2020, President of the United States of America declared COVID-19 to be a National Emergency.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Juvenile/Probate Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates or increases in size or scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. It is the intention of the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County, Ohio Juvenile/Probate Divisions to remain open and maintain essential court operations and functions, subject to further Orders of the Court.
2. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
3. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
4. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions Employee Handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
5. The Juvenile/Probate Divisions authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
6. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by assigned Judge/Magistrates on a case-by-case basis.

7. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
SCOTT ALTENBURGER, JUDGE

- cc: ✓ Miami County Commissioners  
✓ West Central Juvenile Detention Center  
✓ West Central Juvenile Rehabilitation Center  
✓ Miami County Prosecutor's Office  
✓ Autumn White, Miami County Prosecutor's Office  
✓ Public Defender's Office  
✓ C.A.S.A.  
✓ Miami County C.S.E.A.  
✓ Miami County C.P.S.  
✓ Miami County Juvenile/Probate Court Employees  
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IN THE MATTER OF:

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RULE OF COURT

JUDGE SCOTT ALTENBURGER

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TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PULBIC HEALTH CRISIS

LOCA RULE 2 FILING BY FAXIMILE TRANSMISSION shall be amended to suspend the page limitation on fax filings as set forth in 2.02. All pleadings and paper filed with the Miami County Juvenile Court Clerk's Office by fax shall have no page limitation. In addition, the Clerk will now accept pleadings, filings or other papers by email at the following address: [JuvenileFile@MiamiCountyOhio.gov](mailto:JuvenileFile@MiamiCountyOhio.gov), subject to the same rules, fees and procedures as fax filings. Cases requiring filing fees will not be completed for processing until payment is received, preferably by mail or call in with a credit card. Said amendments are effective March 20, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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Scott Altenburger, Judge

Cc: ✓ Miami County Bar Association  
✓ Miami County Prosecutor  
✓ Miami County Commissioners

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