Court of Common Pleas, Licking Courty Ohio

Momestic Relations Division

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[TEMPORARY ORDER FOR THE COURT'S EXPANSION OF SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS]

The Judges of the Domestic Relations Division of the Licking County Court of Common Pleas find that the Supreme Court of Ohio has issued specific guidance to Ohio courts for the Responsible Restart Ohio phase of the Coronavirus pandemic. In applying the Ohio Supreme Court's general guidance, following are the protocols for the Licking County Common Pleas Court, Domestic Relations Division, effective June 15, 2020, until further Order of the Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

A. COURTHOUSE ACCESS

- 1. The interior courthouse door shall remain secured until a person enters vestibule
- 2. If the person indicates to the security officer that s/he is present for a hearing, an inquiry will be made of the person's health condition, to include a temperature screening
- 3. If the person indicates that s/he is present for a reason other than to attend a hearing, the person will be directed to the document table for assistance
- 4. All persons entering the courthouse must wear a face covering / mask
- 5. Persons appearing for a hearing will be screened through the metal detector by court security wearing mask and gloves. Persons then will be directed to the proper courtroom

B. COURTHOUSE COMMON AREAS

- 1. The number of persons present for court hearings on each floor shall not exceed 10 (less than 10 people may be permitted on the first floor in light of the limited space)
- 2. All persons must maintain 6 feet physical distancing, with limited seating in the common areas
- 3. Conference rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors will be available for use only at the direction of the judge / magistrate before whom a matter is scheduled

Judge Richard P. Wright

> Judge **B**uke Frost

Magistrate C. William Kickrich

Magistrate Ann E. Snyder

Magistrate Beborah G. Lang

Magistrate Tracy F. VanWinkle

C. COURTROOMS

- 1. Access to courtrooms will be limited to attorneys, parties, and one witness at a time (witnesses may be directed to wait outside the courthouse until called by a party to testify)
- 2. All persons must maintain 6 feet physical distancing while in the courtroom
- 3. The Court encourages the taking of evidence from the parties from counsel tables if practicable so as to limit movement in the courtroom
- 4. Bailiffs wearing gloves and masks shall disinfect counsel tables and witness stands at the conclusion of each hearing

RICHARD P. WRIGHT, JUDGE

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