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In Re:

ORDER REGARDING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS
AT A REDUCED DOCKET OF THE COURT DUE TO
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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The Judges of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, make the following findings of fact:

1. The findings of fact enumerated in the March 16, 2020 Order of Presiding and Administrative Judge Brendan Sheehan Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic remain in effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. As the virus continues to spread and impact Court operations, the health and safety of all employees and the community remain at risk.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Judges of the Court will implement a reduced docket, with a focus on incarcerated individuals and emergency matters before the Court.
2. The Court remains "Open with Restrictions" pursuant to the March 16, 2020 Administrative Order of Judge Sheehan and at the Direction of Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor.
3. The Judges of the Court agree that they will hear only "essential matters" and that these hearings will take place in the secure first floor Courtroom. Further, no hearings will be held in the individual Judge's or Magistrate's courtrooms until further order of the Court.
4. Pursuant to Opinion No. 2020-002, issued by Attorney General Dave Yost on March 18, 2020, courts may suspend trials to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, and they may do so consistent with state and federal speedy-trial obligations. Although tolling speedy-trial time by suspending trial activity is an extraordinary step, it is lawful—and responsible—to do so during a pandemic emergency.

5. Further, the March 27, 2020 Tolling of the Time Requirements order issued by the Ohio Supreme Court indicates the time requirements imposed by the rules of the Court and set to expire during the term of the order shall be tolled.
6. The period of reduced dockets, originally set to expire on April 10, 2020 at midnight, shall be extended to May 8, 2020 at midnight. The Court will evaluate the effectiveness of the reduced dockets and may extend the period by further order if the COVID-19 pandemic remains.
7. During this period of reduced dockets, the Judges of the Juvenile Division may conduct pre-trials, attorney conferences, or status hearings by way of teleconference in order to ensure the health and safety of all participants.
8. This Order shall be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Municipal Courts in Cuyahoga County, Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts, Cuyahoga County Adult Probation Department, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office, Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Cuyahoga County Executive, Cuyahoga County Council, the website of this Court, and distributed to the media.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—JUVENILE DIVISION



HON. THOMAS F. O'MALLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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