

TRUMBULL COUNTY EASTERN DISTRICT COURT
7130 BROOKWOOD DRIVE
BROOKFIELD, OHIO 44403



IN THE MATTER OF:)

ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL EMERGENCY)
AND COURT OPERATIONAL CHANGES)
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

JUDGMENT ENTRY)

WHEREAS, on Monday March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Michael Dewine declared a State of Emergency in the State of Ohio in response to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety **IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the following is effective immediately concerning the operation of the Trumbull County Eastern District Court:

1. The local rules of court may be temporarily adapted to allow court flexibility, within constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The court's security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. This public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of "just cause" for continuances deemed necessary on a case by case basis.
4. 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.
5. Judicial and clerk's staff, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and security personnel who exhibit signs of illness shall notify their employing or reporting authority by telephone or email and shall not come in to the courthouse or report for duty unless specifically instructed to do so by the employing or reporting authority. Any person employed in the courthouse may be subject to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and exclusion from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.
6. Visitors shall be restricted to those having business before the Court **ONLY**. All appearances before the Court in contested matters are limited to the Plaintiff, Defendant, victim/witnesses under subpoena to an action, the media, the filing of a complaint or pleadings or payment of a fine or court cost. Any such persons to be admitted may be subject to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and exclusion from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.
7. Jurors shall be permitted access as required and determined by the Court's schedule.
8. All civil cases currently set for jury trial are hereby postponed until further order of the Court.

9. All traffic cases (TRD) will be cancelled and reset until after June 1, 2020. This includes all arraignments (first appearance), pre-trials, and trials on all traffic cases (TRD).
10. Criminal and Traffic pre-trials will be rescheduled and/or conducted pursuant to the priority of the case and time factors set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.
11. All criminal and traffic trials to the bench will be rescheduled and/or conducted pursuant to the priority of the case and time factors set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.
12. All criminal cases currently set for jury trial will proceed as scheduled and conducted pursuant to the priority of the case and time factors set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.
13. All Probation reporting will be done telephonically with the exception of those persons who have been ordered to report by the probation department.
14. Access to the Courthouse shall be limited for the reasons and in the manner set forth above until further notice.
15. Any exceptions to this Order shall be reviewed by the Court on an as-needed basis.
16. When the emergency subsides, the court shall enter an order declaring an end to the emergency and a resumption of normal operations.
17. This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Trumbull County Eastern District Clerk of Court, Trumbull County Bar Association, Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office, Trumbull County Public Defender's Office, Trumbull County Sheriff, Trumbull County Board of Commissioners, Trumbull County Eastern District Court website, and the media.

IT IS SO ORDERED

MAR 17 2020
Date

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Judge Marty D. Nosich