

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, UNION COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION**

In the Matter of
**JUVENILE COURT
OPERATIONS UNDER
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19.**

No. 2020JJ004 (Juvenile Div.)

JUDGE EUFINGER

THE COURT FINDS that upon consideration of Ohio's continued public health emergency as the result the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), good cause is hereby found to issue the following orders regarding all proceedings before the Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following proceedings either shall timely come before this Court for hearing (as in-person hearings held at the Union County Courthouse; as remote videoconferencing or telephonic hearings; or as a combination of both), or may be continued, at the discretion of the Court. The Court specifically reserves the right to make case-by-case exceptions to any specific order herein.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, unless otherwise ordered on a case-by-case basis:

1. Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Proceedings.

- a. All shelter care hearings required to be held in accord with Juv. R. 7 shall timely come before the Court pursuant to law.
- b. All adjudicatory and dispositional hearings initiated with the filing of a complaint that alleges the abuse, neglect or dependency of a minor, shall timely come before this Court pursuant to R.C. 2151.28(B)(3). The proceedings shall be heard, at the discretion of the Court, via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the those methods. At the discretion of the Court, such hearings may also be continued until after June 1, 2020.
- c. Post-dispositional proceedings (such as motion hearings, review hearings etc.) shall timely come before this Court pursuant to law. The proceedings shall be heard, at the discretion of the Court, via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the those methods. At the discretion of the Court, such hearings may also be continued until after June 1, 2020.

2. Delinquency, Juvenile Traffic and Unruly Proceedings.

- a. All detention hearings required to be held in accord with Juv. R. 7 will come before the Court, via one or more methods at the discretion of the Court, which shall include:
 - i. The Juvenile's parents shall appear in person at the Court.

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- ii. The Juvenile shall appear via teleconference and/or videoconference with the Court while the Juvenile is located in the Central Ohio Youth Center.
 - iii. The Prosecuting Attorney may appear in person at the Court or via teleconference and/or videoconference.
 - iv. The Court's Probation Officer may also appear by teleconference and/or videoconference.
 - v. At the discretion of the Court, detention hearings may come before the Court for an in-person hearing or may be continued for an in-person hearing with the Juvenile present in the Courthouse.
- b. All initial hearings currently scheduled are hereby continued until after June 1, 2020.
 - c. All pre-trial hearings (including temporary orders, scheduling conferences and motions hearings) currently scheduled for hearing before the Court shall be heard, at the discretion of the Court, via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the two methods. At the discretion of the Court, such hearings may also be continued until after June 1, 2020.
 - d. All adjudicatory and dispositional hearings (initiated with the filing of a complaint that alleges delinquency, unruliness or traffic violation(s)), currently scheduled for hearing before the Court shall be heard, at the discretion of the Court, via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the two methods. At the discretion of the Court, such hearings may also be continued until after June 1, 2020.
 - e. All probation violation hearings currently scheduled are hereby continued until after June 1, 2020. Probation Violations filed after the issuance of this Order will be set for hearing after June 1, 2020.
3. **Child Custody, Parentage and Visitation Proceedings.** All child custody, parentage and visitation hearings currently scheduled for hearing before the Court shall be heard, at the discretion of the Court, via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the two methods. At the discretion of the Court, such hearings may also be continued until after June 1, 2020.
 4. **Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Act (UCCJEA) Proceedings.** All UCCJEA hearings will be held in accord with the mandates of Chapter 3127 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 5. **Child Support Enforcement or Modification Proceedings.** All child support hearings currently scheduled are hereby continued until after June 1, 2020.
 6. **Adult Criminal Proceedings.** All adult criminal proceedings shall come before the Court pursuant to law. If the adult defendant waives his/her right to speedy trial, all hearings in the matter are hereby continued until after June 1, 2020.
 7. **Other Juvenile Miscellaneous Proceedings.** All other miscellaneous proceedings shall come before the Court pursuant to law.
 8. **Mediations.** All mediations currently scheduled are hereby continued until after June 1, 2020.

IT IS ORDERED that the orders herein will be reconsidered, and some or all will be modified, vacated or reversed when the State of Ohio declares an end to the State of

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Emergency in effect since March 9, 2020. Probate and Juvenile Court staff will be available by telephone and email, mail will be received, and clerks' offices will remain open to receive filings.

The Court will vacate or amend this Order no later than **May 29, 2020**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


CHARLOTTE COLEMAN EUFINGER
JUDGE

cc: CASA Program of Delaware County & Union County
Central Ohio Youth Center
Marysville Division of Police
Plain City Police Department
Richwood Police Department
Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marysville Post
Tri-County Regional Jail
Union Co. Bar Association
Union Co. Auditor
Union Co. Commissioners
Union Co. Department of Job and Family Services/PCSA
Union Co. Department of Job and Family Services/CSEA
Union Co. Prosecuting Attorney
Union Co. Sheriff
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