

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MADISON COUNTY, OHIO

In Re: :
Coronavirus : JOURNAL ENTRY
Related Directives :

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In The Court of Common Pleas
Madison County, Ohio

MAR 18 2020

Renee J. Howard
Clerk of Courts

Due to the Federal and State Healthcare Emergencies which are in effect in relation to the Coronavirus and in consideration of the directions of the Directors of Health to practice social distancing and to limit the number of people involved in gatherings, it is the Order of the Court that the Civil Docket is hereby Suspended until the States of Emergency have been lifted or until further Order of the Court.

Exempted from this Order are civil matters that involve issues of safety to-wit: civil protection orders.

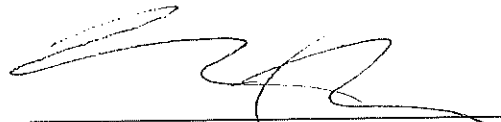
The criminal docket will continue with a significant reduction in in-person appearances. Informal Pretrials will be vacated in favor of cut-off dates for the parties to advise the Court as to status of discovery. Formal Pretrials that do not involve evidentiary matters will be conducted by telephone conference with a court reporter to make record. If evidentiary hearings such as motions to suppress have been filed, those matters will occur in the Courtroom with attorneys and defendants present. During the health emergency the Courtroom will be closed to non-essential personnel. Non-party participants will not be permitted into the Courtroom. The Court will permit any members of the media to attend but no other non-party or non-attorney attendees will be granted entry into the Courtroom. Constitutional rights to jury trial and speedy trials will continue to be observed until further Order of the Court.

In regards to domestic matters, Dissolutions and Emergency Motions shall be conducted by phone on a case-by-case basis.

This Order shall be placed on the Madison County website. Any changes to this Order will be posted to the Madison County website and then distributed to affected parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ENTER: March 18, 2020



Eamon P. Costello, Judge