

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLARK COUNTY, OHIO
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION-JUVENILE SECTION 2020 MAR 20 PM 3:12

KATRINE M. LANCASTER
JUDGE

IN RE

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER

CASE NO. 2020-0000

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

The Clark County Domestic Relations Court-Juvenile Section finds that COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Additionally, Governor Michael Dewine has declared a state of emergency in the State of Ohio as a result of this pandemic. The Court further finds the CDC and Ohio Department of Health have issued specific directives to prevent the spread of the virus including avoiding close contact with people who are sick and staying home if you are sick. It has come to this Court's attention that despite these directives, persons who are ill have entered our building, interacted with our staff, litigants and attorneys. In order to protect the health and safety of our staff, litigants and community from a potential contact with the COVID-19 virus, the following orders will be effective immediately.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that only necessary persons attending scheduled hearings or trials, persons filing court documents, persons making payments on courts costs, fines and restitution or youth on probation who have been advised to meet with their probation officer may enter the Clark County Juvenile Center until further order of the Court. Necessary parties to a hearing include: the parties to a case, the attorneys on the case, guardian ad litem, witnesses to be called for trial on that day and, if appropriate, employees from Family and Children Services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that vendors who do business with the Clark County Juvenile Court will be permitted into the building, but are subject to the same restrictions as other persons entering the building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Clark County Juvenile Court staff are subject to the same restrictions as other persons entering the building.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that persons who come to the Court shall be mindful of maintaining an appropriate distance from each other to prevent the potential spread of this very contagious virus.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any person who has a fever of 100.4 or greater or has COVID-19 or has been exposed to the COVID-19 shall not be permitted in the Clark County Juvenile Center. If the Court is notified that someone who must attend a hearing is not able to enter the building as a result of this order, the matter may be continued or arrangements may be made to allow the person to participate by teleconference or video conference for the hearing. The Court reserves the right to take a person's temperature at any time they enter the Clark County Juvenile Center.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while court filings can still occur at the Clerk's Office, persons filing are encouraged to file via fax, email or place in the Secure Drop Box located in Juvenile Detention Center lobby. Please take note that the court filing will be considered "filed" when the Clerk file stamps it. The fax, email and Secure Drop Box will be checked periodically through the day to determine if any filings have been received.

Fax number: 937-521-3200

Email: clerk@clarkohiojuvcourt.us Please make sure your document is either in Word or PDF format.

Secure Drop Box: in the Detention Center lobby off North Limestone St. across from the AB Graham building. In order to access the lobby, you will need to press the button by the outside door to be buzzed into the area.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while payments will continue to be accepted in person at the Court, persons are encouraged to make payments on court costs, fines and restitution by credit card or placement in the Secure Drop Box. To make payment by credit card, please follow the directions on our website at www.clarkohiojuvcourt.us. There are envelopes available in the Detention Center lobby to be used to place costs, fines and restitution and then placed into the Secure Drop Box. The Clerk's Office will mail you a receipt at the address you provide. The Clerk's Office will accept in person payments.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all visitations with detained youth at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) are suspended until further notice. The youth will be permitted to make phone calls to their family members as governed by the JDC policies.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that youth on probation are to be in contact with their probation officers by phone, email or text at least once per week or more often if directed and complete all assignments provided to them.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Judge Katrine M. Lancaster