

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY : Case No.
COURT OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS :
OPERATIONS UNDER EXIGENT : **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED :
BY COVID-19 :

The Domestic Relations Court will develop a continuum of flexible responses if the Covid-19 public health crisis escalates or increases in size and scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Domestic Relations Court.

ORDER

1. All pretrial hearings, reports, dissolutions, and agreed entry hearings currently scheduled before May 1, 2020, will be conducted by telephone. Neither party nor either attorney will appear in person but must appear by telephone. A self-represented party or attorney must provide the Court with a phone number where he/she may be reached at the scheduled time for the pretrial or report.
2. All currently scheduled Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order hearings will continue as scheduled. Parties should not bring other persons with them into the courthouse except for witnesses who will be testifying.
3. The court will continue to hear *ex parte* hearings on Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order petitions that are filed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3113.31.
4. All other hearings are suspended until May 1, 2020.
5. The Court has the 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 Covid-19 public health emergency.
6. The suspension of hearings will be until May 1, 2020, unless the Court determines an extension is necessary due to the emergency status.

Judge Kathleen M. Rodenberg