

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS  
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO



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IN RE: HAMILTON COUNTY  
COURT OF DOMESTIC  
RELATIONS OPERATIONS  
UNDER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY COVID-19

Case No: M20-0004  
**JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER**

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The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Division of Domestic Relations, make the following Findings of Fact and Administrative Order:

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division will develop a continuum of flexible responses in case the 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 Courts.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All hearings other than Domestic Violence Civil Protection Petitions pursuant to O.R.C. Section 3113.31 are hereby suspended for thirty (30) days until further order of the Court, commencing the week of March 16, 2020.
2. All pending or currently scheduled non-domestic violence hearings shall be rescheduled by notice of the Court.
3. 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.
4. This suspension will be for a duration of thirty (30) days, unless the Court determines an extension is deemed necessary due to emergency status.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Jon H. Sieve  
Administrative Judge

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Judge

Susan Laker Tolbert  
Judge



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**Temporary Reduction in Services**

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 and continuing for thirty (30) days or until further order, the Hamilton County Court of Domestic Relations implements the following measures to mitigate the risks to public health that are posed by coronavirus/Covid-19:

- 1) The Court **will** continue to receive and conduct hearings on petitions for Domestic Violence Civil Protection Orders (DVCPO).
- 2) The Court will open Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. and conduct DVCPO hearings from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 3) The Court suspends and will reschedule **all** other hearings.
- 4) The Court will not process any motions filed through the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, regardless of whether motions are filed in person or electronically.
- 5) All services provided by the Dispute Resolution Department, including the in-person parenting class, are suspended and will be rescheduled.
- 6) The Court will reschedule all affected hearings and mail written notices to all parties and counsel.

Please call 946-9148 if you have any questions about these measures.