

**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.**

**Nos.**  
2020JJ002 (Juvenile Div.)

**JUDGE EUFINGER**

**EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020, THIS COURT** hereby issues the following **ORDERS**, in acknowledgement and upon consideration of Executive Order 2020-01D (attached hereto as Exhibit A), issued March 9, 2020 by Hon. Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio and Declaring a State of Emergency as the result of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that hearings in the following proceedings will be held or continued as hereinafter stated, pending further order of the Court:

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 come before this Court as scheduled or hereafter scheduled, pursuant to R.C. 2151.28(B)(3) and Juv. R. 34(A).
  - c. Post-dispositional proceedings (such as motion hearings, review hearings etc.) are hereby **continued for at least thirty (30) days**, unless the Court determines that it is possible to conduct the hearing telephonically or by other means.
2. **Delinquency, Juvenile Traffic and Unruly Proceedings.**
  - a. All detention hearings required to be held in accord with Juv. R. 7 shall timely come before the Court pursuant to law.
  - b. All initial hearings are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.
  - c. All pre-trial hearings (including temporary orders, scheduling conferences and motions hearings) are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.
  - d. All adjudicatory and dispositional hearings initiated with the filing of a complaint that alleges delinquency, unruliness or traffic violation(s) are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.

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- e. All probation violation hearings (including initial, adjudication and disposition) are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.
- 3. **Child Custody, Parentage and Visitation Proceedings.**
  - a. All child custody, parentage and visitation hearings are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.
- 4. **Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Act (UCCJEA) Proceedings.**
  - a. 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.**
  - a. All child support hearings are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.
- 6. **Adult Criminal Proceedings.**
  - a. All adult criminal proceedings shall come before the Court pursuant to law.
  - b. If the adult defendant waives his/her right to speedy trial, all hearings in the matter shall be continued for at least thirty (30) days.
- 7. **Other Juvenile Miscellaneous Proceedings.**
  - a. All other miscellaneous proceedings shall come before the Court pursuant to law.
- 8. **Mediations.**
  - a. All mediations are **continued for at least thirty (30) days**.
- 9. **Outstanding Warrants for Arrest.**
  - a. All outstanding warrants issued by this Court for the arrest of any person are hereby **vacated**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that case-by-case exceptions to the continuances provided herein may be ordered at the discretion of the Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that at the Court's discretion, hearings may be conducted telephonically, or by other means. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Court will contact the parties in advance if a hearing is moved to telephone participation.

Upon consideration of the public health emergency created by COVID-19, the Court specifically **FINDS** good cause to continue the proceedings as stated herein.

The Union County Courthouse shall remain open to the public for court business only. To protect the health of our citizens and of Court employees, anyone without specific business in the Courthouse is discouraged from visiting. The public is welcome to call the Court at (937) 645-3029 for guidance, if desired.

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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 **April 10, 2020**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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**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  
Union Co. Clerk of Courts  
Union Co. Court of Common Pleas, General Division

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