

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, UNION COUNTY, OHIO  
PROBATE DIVISION**

*In the Matter of*  
**PROBATE COURT  
OPERATIONS UNDER  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY COVID-19.**

No. 2020PJ004

**JUDGE EUFINGER**

**THE COURT FINDS** that upon consideration of Ohio's continued public health emergency as the result the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), good cause is hereby found to issue the following orders regarding all proceedings before the Court.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the proceedings currently scheduled for trial or any other hearing before the Probate Division shall be heard, at the discretion of the Court, via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the those methods. At the discretion of the Court, such hearings may also be continued until after June 1, 2020, on a case-by-case basis:

1. **Adoption** Proceedings.
2. **Change of Name** Proceedings.
3. **Non-emergency Guardianship** Proceedings.
4. All other **Miscellaneous Probate** Proceedings.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon filing, the following proceedings shall timely come before the Court pursuant to law:

1. **Adult Protective Services** Proceedings.
2. **Emergency Guardianship** Proceedings.
3. Proceedings **for a mentally ill person subject to court order.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that at the Court's discretion, hearings may be conducted via: remote videoconference and/or teleconference, a hearing before the Court, or a combination of the those methods. The method of hearing shall be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Court will contact the parties in advance if a hearing is moved to telephone participation.

The Union County Courthouse shall remain open to the public for court business only, which includes applications for marriage licenses. 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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**IT IS ORDERED** that the orders herein will be reconsidered, and some or all will be modified, vacated or reversed when the State of Ohio declares an end to the State of Emergency in effect since March 9, 2020. 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 anticipates that it will vacate or amend this order before **May 29, 2020**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
**CHARLOTTE COLEMAN EUFINGER**  
JUDGE

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