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JUVENILE - PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

**REVISED ORDER FOR OPERATION OF THE
COURT DURING THE DURATION OF THE
COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

JUDGMENT ENTRY

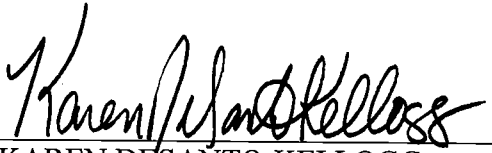
This administrative matter comes before the Court on its own motion. On March 20, 2020, the Court entered a Judgment Order setting forth certain policies for the operation of the Court during the Covid-19 Emergency. The Court finds that some modification of that order is warranted given the decline in the rate of Covid-19 infections in Ohio and given the administration of vaccines in Ohio.

It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

1. All persons shall continue to be subject to health screening by court personnel until the Governor of the State of Ohio rescinds the emergency declaration with regard to Covid-19. That health screening shall continue to consist of a temperature check and each person coming into the Court offices for an appointment or a hearing shall complete a health form prescribed by the Court.
2. All persons entering the Court's facilities shall wear a mask covering the person's nose and mouth, at all times.
3. Court staff shall continue to clean and sanitize the Court's facilities following appointments and hearings.
4. The Court may continue a hearing or reschedule an appointment for any person whose health screening would potentially pose a health hazard to others, on a case-by-case basis.
5. Persons seeking marriage licenses shall continue to make appointments with the Probate Court, although the Court will not refuse to issue a marriage license for persons who do not make an appointment.
6. The Probate and Juvenile Court will only accept paper pleadings which are hand-delivered or mailed to the Court, effective June 1, 2021. The prior order of the Court permitting the filing of pleadings by e-mail and fax is specifically vacated effective June 1, 2021.

7. The Court will conduct in-person hearings and meetings when social distancing can be accomplished in the Court's facilities. When the number of participants in a hearing or meeting does not permit social distancing in the facilities available to the Court, the Court will continue to conduct hearings via Zoom video conferences.
8. All prior orders of the Court with regard to Court operations and Covid-19, except as modified herein, are VACATED.

It is SO ORDERED.



KAREN DESANTO-KELLOGG
Judge