

IN THE YOUNGSTOWN MUNICIPAL COURT
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO

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)	CASE NO. 20 CRA OPEN
)	20 CRB OPEN
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IN RE: COVID 19 COURT)	20 TRC OPEN
OPERATIONS)	
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)	JUDGE CARLA J. BALDWIN
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The Judges of the Youngstown Municipal Court make the following Findings of Fact:

1. 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.
2. The City of Youngstown Health District, Ohio Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control recommend continued precautions against the spread of COVID-19.
3. Many members of the public having business before the Court remain unvaccinated and accurately ascertaining vaccination status is not possible.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Youngstown Municipal Court developed the following protocols in response to this public health emergency. These protocols are intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY OREDERED

1. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do or direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice and public safety for the duration of the declared state of emergency.

2. The Local Rules of Court may be temporarily modified to allow the Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
3. Court policies and practices may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential operations and functions.
4. Any individual entering the courthouse is required to wear a protective facial covering which covers the nose and mouth unless a medically documented reason prevents the person from covering their face. N95 medical masks are not required; cloth facial coverings that have been purchased or are homemade are acceptable. The protective facial covering shall be worn at all times while the individual is inside the courthouse. Individuals are encouraged to bring their own facial coverings; however, the Court will provide facial coverings if a person does not have access to their own. Persons refusing to wear facial coverings, except in instances of a medically documented waiver, may be subject to removal from the courthouse.
5. All Court employees are required to wear facial coverings. Facial coverings are not required when working alone in assigned areas.
6. All individuals in the courthouse shall adhere to 6-foot social distancing protocols.
7. The Court will issue an Order when normal operations resume.
8. This Order supersedes all provisions outlined in previous Orders pertaining to COVID-19 operations.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: _____

Judge Carla J. Baldwin
Administrative and Presiding Judge
Youngstown Municipal Court