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KATHLEEN D. ROMANS, JUDGE
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In The Court of Common Pleas
Butler County Ohio
Juvenile Division

In Re: Butler County Juvenile Court

Emergency Order Update

On 6/15/2020, this court issued emergency orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Those orders have, by prior order of this court, been extended until the present date.

Given the current status of the pandemic, it shall be the order of this court that the following orders **shall remain in effect as long as similar restrictions continue to be recommended by the Center for Disease Control or the Ohio Department of Health.**

Court hearings, to the extent that it is possible, shall be conducted via telephone or video conferencing. Hearings that, due to practical considerations, court order, or constitutional or statutory mandates, must occur with parties and witnesses present in the courtroom will proceed only if facilities (including physical barriers) available to the court can provide enough space for appropriate social distancing given the number of persons who will need to participate.

Only parties to cases, counsel, law enforcement, staff of the prosecutor's office, representatives of the press, persons seeking to file protection order cases, persons seeking emergency orders, persons with business with the clerk's office (see below) and witnesses will be permitted into the court facility.

Children will not be permitted to remain in the court facility except for purposes of providing testimony in a scheduled hearing or for the purpose of obtaining a protection order.

Some parties may be required to check in with the court and to then wait outside of the court facility until they are contacted by telephone to enter the building.

The wearing of facial coverings shall be required except in situations where the individual is the only person within a workspace or room. Appropriate social distancing and/or the use of physical barriers shall be required both in the lobby and in the courtrooms.

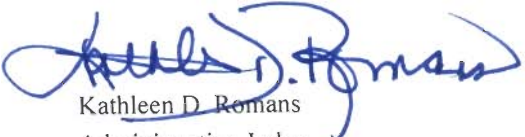
The office of the Juvenile Clerk will remain open during ordinary business hours.

The Clerk's Office will accept faxed filings of all pleadings submitted per the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure and the Local Rules of this court provided that the faxed pleading is not required to be accompanied by a filing fee. The Court's fax # is 513-887-3698.

The Clerk's Office will also accept pleadings sent to the court by mail to 280 North Fair Avenue, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. All such pleadings must be presented in conformance with The Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure and the Local Rules and must be mailed to the court, complete with any required filing fee. Payment for all filing fees must accompany the pleadings and must be paid either by a cashier's check or a money order.

The obligation of Attorney/Guardians ad Litem, or lay Guardians ad Litem, to conduct in-person contact with children involved in Abuse/Neglect/Dependency cases every 90 days shall be suspended until termination of the current states of emergency at the State and National Level.

So Ordered



Kathleen D. Romans
Administrative Judge

Butler County Juvenile Court