

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
KNOX COUNTY OHIO  
PROBATE/JUVENILE DIVISION

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PROBATE/JUVENILE COURT  
MT. VERNON, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:

PUBLIC HEALTH

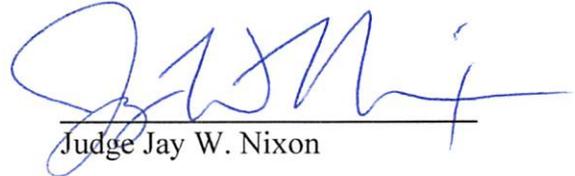
CASE NO. 1993-7019(P)  
96-4012(J)

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In light of the current health crisis involving the coronavirus (COVID-19) and in an attempt to mitigate the spread of the virus, the Court hereby issues the following temporary emergency **ORDERS**:

1. The orders contained herein shall take effect March 13, 2020, and continue until further order of the Court.
2. All persons shall wash their hands with soap and water in the first floor entrance bathroom before proceeding through the security checkpoint and entering the courthouse.
3. Access to the courthouse shall generally be limited to: parties to a case set for hearing; parents or custodians of juvenile parties; attorneys; guardians ad litem; victims; necessary witnesses; and other persons with express permission from the Judge.
4. All persons awaiting hearing in the courthouse shall practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet away from other persons when possible.
5. Limited access to the courthouse shall be granted to persons wishing to file documents with the court clerk. Such persons shall proceed directly to the clerk's office and conclude their business with the clerk as expeditiously as possible.
6. Security personnel shall ask all courthouse visitors whether they are ill or have been ill and, if they are ill, have been ill, or decline to respond, visitors may be denied access to the courthouse at the sole discretion of the Judge. The Court will make every effort to make reasonable accommodations to preserve access to the court system for affected individuals.
7. Attorneys, parties, or victims shall be permitted to make a record, either orally or in writing, of any objection to this temporary emergency order restricting courthouse access.

8. Continuances may be granted, on motion of any party or the Court, for illness or other reason during the pendency of these temporary emergency orders.
9. The Juvenile Probation department is hereby authorized to implement temporary internal policies necessary to protect the health and safety of probation staff, other Court employees, probationers, and other visitors to Juvenile Probation.



Judge Jay W. Nixon

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