

**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. 2020JP002 (Probate Div.)

JUDGE EUFINGER

EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2020, THIS COURT hereby issues the following **ORDERS**, in acknowledgement and upon consideration of Executive Order 2020-01D (attached hereto as Exhibit A), issued March 9, 2020 by Hon. Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio and Declaring a State of Emergency as the result of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following proceedings that are currently scheduled for trial or any other hearing before the Probate Division are hereby continued for at least thirty (30) days, unless otherwise ordered, 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 case-by-case exceptions to the continuances provided herein may be ordered at the discretion of the Court.

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 telephonically, or by other means. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis. The Court will contact the parties in advance if a hearing is moved to telephone participation.

Upon consideration of the public health emergency created by COVID-19, the Court specifically **FINDS** good cause to continue the proceedings as stated herein.

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

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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.

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 will vacate or amend this Order no later than **April 10, 2020**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



CHARLOTTE COLEMAN EUFINGER
JUDGE

cc: CASA Program of Delaware County & Union County
Central Ohio Youth Center
Marysville Division of Police
Plain City Police Department
Richwood Police Department
Ohio State Highway Patrol, Marysville Post
Tri-County Regional Jail
Union Co. Bar Association
Union Co. Auditor
Union Co. Commissioners
Union Co. Department of Job and Family Services/PCSA
Union Co. Department of Job and Family Services/CSEA
Union Co. Prosecuting Attorney
Union Co. Sheriff
Union Co. Clerk of Courts
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