

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUVENILE DIVISION
HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO**

TO: ATTORNEYS AND PRO SE LITIGANTS FOR ALL PENDING CASES

FROM: JUDGE JONAH M. SAVING; MAGISTRATE JOSEPH H. NEMEC

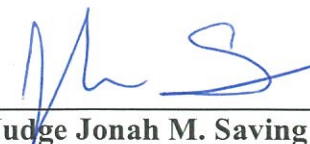
RE: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE: MARCH 17, 2020

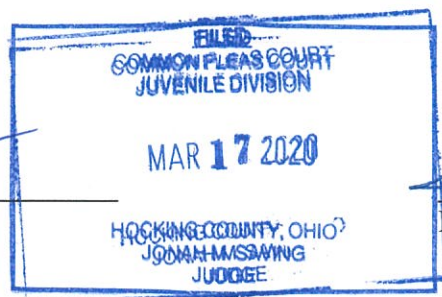
At this point, it has become clear that for the foreseeable future, we are all going to be having to deal with a new normal in an effort to curb the spread of this deadly virus that is sweeping through the world. At the same time, the Hocking County Juvenile Court wants to keep the essential functions of the judicial branch open for stakeholders. As such, until further notice, the following procedures will be utilized for all pending cases in the Hocking County Juvenile Court.

1. Attorneys and pro se litigants wishing to file documents with the Court are directed to file via Regular US Mail (1 E. Main St., 2nd Floor, Logan, Ohio 43138), fax (740-385-6892), or email to the Court Administrator (jgreen@co.hocking.oh.us). File-stamped copies shall be returned by the clerk to the filing party in the same manner received.
2. All hearings until April 1, 2020, are hereby vacated and will be rescheduled by the Court's clerk. Parties having hearings within the applicable time period should expect a new court notice to come in the mail within the next month.
3. All pretrial hearings, GAL conferences, and temporary orders hearings will be conducted remotely, via telephone or video conferencing, as determined by the Court on a case-by-case basis. All pro se parties are directed to return the attached Personal Information Sheet to the clerk via Regular US Mail, fax, or email so that we have your contact info.
4. In the event that a person believes a child is in imminent harm or is in danger, the person is directed to contact the South Central Ohio Job and Family Services Child Protective Services Division, so that an investigation can be conducted. Emergency shelter care hearings will be scheduled by the clerk, and parties will be notified and arrangements made in the event that testimony is necessary.
5. Final evidentiary hearings in private custody cases are continued until further notice. Parties and counsel are directed to contact the court if they believe their hearing should go forward as scheduled.

It is unfortunate that this pandemic has put us in a position where limits on public access to the Court have to be put into place. However, we all have to work together if we want to get this virus under control. It is the Court's hope that parents can come together to resolve minor disputes regarding their child by communicating with one another. Allegations of immediate harm or danger should be directed to Children's Services, and will be heard by the Court in a manner that balances the need to maintain a record of proceedings while attempting to protect all stakeholders from exposure to the virus. Please keep your family and loved ones safe during this difficult time.



Judge Jonah M. Saving





Magistrate Joseph H. Nemecek

HOCKING COUNTY JUVENILE COURT INFORMATION SHEET

CASE NO. _____ DATE _____

FULL NAME _____

CHILD'S NAME _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

MAILING ADDRESS (If Different) _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ LAST 4 NUMBERS OF SSN _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER _____ Fax _____

IF YOU HAVE NO PHONE, NAME AND NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT

***YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION UP TO DATE. IF ANYTHING CHANGES YOU MUST PROVIDE NEW INFORMATION TO COURT WITHIN 24 HOURS

I _____ do swear and affirm that the above furnished information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature