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DAVID E. WOESSNER
JUVENILE JUDGE/CLERK

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WOOD COUNTY, OHIO
PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS**

IN RE: * Case No. 2020 - ~~000~~1

GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE * Judge David E. Woessner

CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE

WOOD COUNTY PROBATE AND *

JUVENILE COURTS DURING THE *

ONGOING COVID PANDEMIC *

GENERAL ORDERS

The court finds certain temporary orders are necessary given the current state of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for the protection of the general public, staff, and court users. The court finds these orders are consistent with guidelines and guidance provided by the Ohio Supreme Court on December 10, 2020.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED unless deemed essential or an emergency by the court or impacting time constraints surrounding a detained youth or adult, all contested hearings in the Wood County Probate and Juvenile Courts through January 31, 2021 will be continued. The current contested hearing date may, as practical, be converted to a video or telephone pretrial hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED absent good cause, delinquency, unruly, and traffic arraignments will be conducted or continue to be conducted by Zoom/video when at all possible.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED pre-trials should be conducted by telephone or Zoom/video when possible. The court will then set the matter for further hearing as may be necessary. Absent an anticipated plea or other essential need, the appearance of the parties at pre-trials is not necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED absent good cause, non-contested probate and juvenile matters are to be conducted virtually whenever possible. Counsel and parties shall be prepared to provide the court upon request information necessary to assist with virtual hearings (such as email addresses, etc). Court staff are able to assist if assistance is needed to conduct hearings virtually.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED in any hearing where the parties are in agreement with continuing orders, consent judgment entries in lieu of in person appearances will continue to be accepted

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED if in court hearings are necessary, only immediate parties to the action or their representative shall be permitted in the courtroom. The court will consider allowing attendance by video for certain parties during in court proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED these temporary orders shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Woessner", written in a cursive style.

Judge David E. Woessner