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

**ALBERT S. CAMPLESE  
JUVENILE JUDGE**

In Re:	)	Case No: 2020 JK 03
	)	
ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL EMERGENCY	)	
AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF	)	<u>JOURNAL ENTRY</u>
THE COURT DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC	)	
	)	
[Fourth Addendum re: Court procedures and rules]	)	

The Court finds the Governor of Ohio, Michael DeWine, declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D, and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, Amy Acton, has declared there currently exists a "...high probability of widespread exposure to COVID-19 with a significant risk of substantial harm to a large number of people in the general population, including elderly people and people with weakened immune systems and chronic medical conditions" by Director's Order issued March 16, 2020.

The Court further finds Director Acton extended her "Director's Stay at Home Order," issued on March 22, 2020, through 11:59 o'clock p.m. on May 29, 2020.

The Court further finds all orders previously issued by this Court pursuant to authority conferred by this Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Judgment Entry*, filed March 17, 2020 should extended, and remain in effect, unless otherwise modified herein.

The Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division [hereinafter "Juvenile Court"], provides the following information, and temporarily modifies routine Court procedures and Local Rules of Court as follows:

**1. ALL HEARINGS AFTER MAY 1, 2020 SHALL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED**

Effective May 1, 2020 and thereafter, all hearings shall proceed as originally **scheduled** unless expressly continued by the Court's own order, or upon the motion of a party, attorney or GAL. Absent good cause to the contrary, these matters shall be heard via any of the methods authorized by Paragraph 9, of this

Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*, filed March 16, 2020. This prior order is posted on the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court website.

2. Statutory time limitations shall remain tolled in matters subject to the same, and tolling shall be extended for the duration of the public health crisis and public emergency.
3. The Court Administrator shall be, and is, authorized to determine the criteria by which admission shall be granted to the courthouse. The promulgation of any such criteria shall be informed by the recommendations of the Ohio Director of Public Health. All public health admission criteria currently in effect shall be conspicuously posted at the entrance to the courthouse.
4. The Court and Juvenile Resource Center remain **OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**. Based on recommendations from Responsible Restart Ohio, any individual entering **the Courthouse or the Juvenile Resource Center** for any reason authorized by this Court's prior orders must wear a face covering while conducting business in, on and about the premises. For this purpose, Juvenile Court employees shall be required to wear a face covering during the duration of his/her interaction with any such individual. All parties shall maintain good hygiene, including regular hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.
5. **FAMILY DRUG COURT [FDC]**  
Unless otherwise stated specifically herein, the Family Drug Court Specialized Docket [hereinafter [hereinafter "FDC"] remains **OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**. See, Definition, *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*, filed March 16, 2020.

**a. Treatment Team**

Treatment team members shall be required to provide written client updates to the FDC Coordinator no later than Thursday at Noon via email or facsimile.

Treatment team shall meet via the *Whereby* video application on Fridays **between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock a.m.** Each member of the treatment team shall provide the FDC coordinator with an email address, and all other necessary contact information.

**b. FDC Participants**

- i. FDC participants shall be required to attend each FDC session via any method authorized by this Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*, filed March 16, 2020
- ii. To facilitate the Court's return to normal operations, the FDC Coordinator and/or Court Administrator shall be authorized to determine whether one or two FDC hearings shall be conducted each Friday, e.g.: a single 10:00 o'clock a.m. hearing, or a 10:00 o'clock a.m. hearing and an 11:00 o'clock a.m. hearing. If two hearings are conducted, the FDC Coordinator, or Court Administrator, shall be responsible to assign each FDC participant a hearing time.
- iii. All other requirements of the FDC program shall remain unaffected at this time; however, the FDC Coordinator shall notify each participant of any further changes as soon as is practicable.

**6. SUBJECT TO FURTHER MODIFICATION**

This order shall be, and hereby is, remains subject to further modification.

**7. SERVICE OF JUDGMENT ENTRY**

This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ashtabula and Lake County Bar Associations, Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office, Ashtabula County Public Defender's Office; Ashtabula County Children Services Board, Cadence Care Network, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, FDC Coordinator, all FDC participants and FDC treatment team members and the media. A copy of this judgment shall be conspicuously posted in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, and shall be published on the website of the Juvenile Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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JUDGE ALBERT S. CAMPESE