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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION  
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:	)	
SECOND	)	
TEMPORARY ORDER IN	)	
DOMESTIC RELATIONS	)	JUDGE COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI
CASES DUE TO COVID-19	)	
PUBLIC HEALTH	)	
EMERGENCY	)	
	)	

In response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Public Health Emergency and in addition to the Temporary Order that applies to all divisions of the Common Pleas Court (filed March 13, 2020 at 1:45 PM), the Lake County Domestic Relations Court makes the following **TEMPORARY ORDERS**:

**Effective May 1, 2020 until further order of court, the Domestic Relations Court remains "open with restrictions" as described in the Judgment Entry of Judicial Emergency filed March 13, 2020:**

1. **All parties, attorneys and witnesses are to be masked before entering the Courthouse. Anyone failing to wear a mask shall be denied entry by the deputy sheriff.** Be advised the Court does not provide masks. The only exception to the mask requirement is for an individual filing an Ex Parte Petition for Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order petition.  
Only the parties to a case and their attorneys shall be permitted entry to the Courthouse by the deputy sheriff for a scheduled hearing. No other persons including witnesses are permitted entry until called by the Court on the witness's cell phone.
2. **DVCPOs.** The Court remains open to hear all matters as to Domestic Violence Civil Protection Petitions and orders. The Clerk of Courts can only accept in-person filings for

Ex Parte Domestic Violence Civil Protection petitions which shall be heard the day of filing.

3. **METHOD OF FILING.** All attorney and self-represented filings are to be transmitted to the Clerk of Courts Office by the US Postal Service or by email. If by email, it is to be addressed to the Clerk only at dr.clerk@lakecountyohio.gov. The documents will be printed, affixed with a label indicating receipt during this emergency and time stamped as of the date/time it was received in the inbox.
4. **PRETRIAL MATTERS BEFORE JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE.** All pretrial hearings (pre-divorce decree or post-decree) will be conducted by telephone or video conference until further order of Court. The Court is to be provided the telephone numbers of all attorneys and litigants prior to the hearing. Court staff will initiate the call.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI, JUDGE

cc: Judge Eugene A. Lucci  
Judge Vincent A. Culotta  
Judge Karen Lawson  
Judge John P. O'Donnell  
Judge Mark J. Bartolotta  
Judge Patrick J. Condon  
Lake County Prosecutor  
Lake County Public Defender  
Lake County Sheriff  
Lake County Bar Association  
Geauga County Bar Association  
Ashtabula County Bar Association