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**LORAIN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

**GENERAL DIVISION  
LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO**

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
T. J. ORLANDO

Date

3/18/20

MISC 2020

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Due to the public health emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lorain County Common Pleas Court Judges hereby order the following:

1. The Court of Common Pleas General Division will be closed to the general public but will maintain essential court functions and operations subject to further order of the court.
2. The court shall attempt to minimize the social interaction of all litigants, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, law enforcement personnel, and court staff personnel by continuing non-essential proceedings or by conducting proceedings by remote video, telephonic or other available technological resources.
3. All pending civil and criminal jury trials are hereby suspended until at least April 13, 2020.
4. All criminal matters, including pretrial hearings, are ordered to be continued unless exigent circumstances require in-person hearings. If an in-person hearing is required, all necessary social distancing preventative measures are to be observed.






5. Further, all criminal proceeding will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, with an emphasis on expediting cases involving presently incarcerated defendants.
6. All in-person civil proceedings, except emergency actions, are suspended until April 13, 2020. All civil proceedings, including pretrial and all other hearings, may be conducted by telephone at the discretion of the assigned judge.
7. Sheriff's sales scheduled for March 25, April 8 and April 22 are hereby canceled, and the Lorain County Sheriff is ordered to return those orders of sale without execution. All other orders of sale that have been issued or are subsequently filed are hereby stayed for a period of 60 days or until further order of the court. All current or future writs of possession are hereby stayed for a period of 60 days or until further order of the court.
8. All mediation department matters and hearings are ordered to be suspended until at least April 13, 2020, all matters affected will be rescheduled by further order of the mediation department.
9. All timeframe suspensions set forth above may be further extended for a greater period of time subject to further order of the court if deemed necessary.

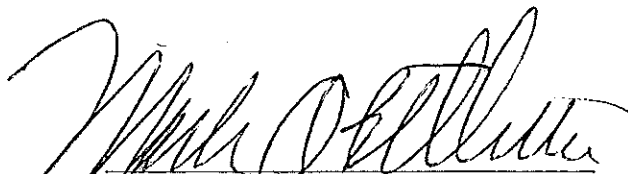
We also acknowledge that the Lorain County Clerk of Courts will continue to conduct business in the clerk's offices, with essential personnel only as determined by the Clerk of Courts. Effective as of March 17, 2020, all filings and payments will be

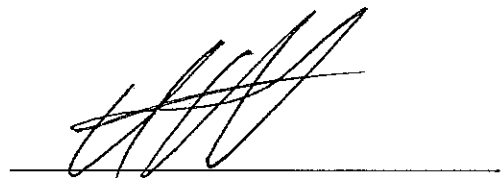




received in the clerk's finance department only, located in Room 107 of the clerk's offices. All other clerk department counters will be closed until further notice.


  
JUDGE RAYMOND J. EWERS  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

  
JUDGE MARK BETLESKI

  
JUDGE CHRIS COOK

  
JUDGE JAMES MIRALDI

  
JUDGE JOHN MIRALDI

  
JUDGE CHRIS ROTHGERY

