

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
RICHARD D. WETZEL, JUDGE

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IN RE: COVID-19 VIRUS

JOURNAL ENTRY ESTABLISHING
TEMPORARY EMERGENCY COURT OPERATIONS FOR COVID-19 RISKS
AND DESIGNATING TEMPORARY COURT LOCATION PURSUANT TO
R.C. SECTION 2301.04 FOR JURY TRIALS

The matter of public health considerations and responses to the COVID-19 virus, and current declarations of the President of the United States, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, and the Governor of the State of Ohio, are before the Court this 22nd day of May 2020. This Temporary Emergency Court Operations Protocol Order supplements the prior Orders of this Court, including the Journal Entry dated the 13th day of March 2020, and the Journal Entry dated the 30th day of April, 2020.

In order for the Court to assist all state and local agencies in maintaining public health and safety; and to assist our local law enforcement and healthcare community in preserving all available resources; and to assure the protection of the Constitutional rights of all individuals subject to the jurisdiction of this Court; upon the Court's own motion, the following Temporary Emergency Court Operations Protocol is hereby adopted for the conduct of the jury trial scheduled in this matter, and for the protection of the health and safety of the parties, counsel, witnesses, jurors, court personnel, and the citizens of Knox County, Ohio, effective immediately:

It is necessary, by virtue of extraordinary circumstances relating to the declared public health emergency, and considerations for the public health and

safety of the community, for the Court to convene for purposes of proceedings of the Jury Trials to be held in Knox County, on a temporary basis limited to the matters coming before this Court beginning on the 1st day of June 2020 and continuing until further Order of this Court, at the following location:

Knox County Memorial Building, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. All court personnel, counsel, jurors, witnesses and victims shall report to the Knox County Memorial Building on days of trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED, that the Court of Common Pleas, and all court personnel, counsel, jurors, parties, victims, and personnel necessary for purposes of effecting the terms and conditions of this Order, shall convene and appear at the Knox County Memorial Building, beginning on the day of trial, and each day thereafter from time to time as scheduled or convened by this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22nd day of May 2020.



RICHARD D. WETZEL, JUDGE

cc:
Knox County Bar Association
Supreme Court of Ohio