

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
GUERNSEY COUNTY, OHIO**

**FURTHER TEMPORARY ORDERS  
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19  
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**JOURNAL ENTRY**

On March 17, 2020 this Court issued a Temporary Order in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The Court previously found on March 9, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order 2020-01D “Declaring a State of Emergency” in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis. On April 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced some changes to the State of Ohio’s response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, but has not lifted the Emergency Order and the Mandate that when possible, employees should work from home.

The Court further finds that under the Responsible Restart Ohio, the Guiding Principles as set forth are protecting the health of the employees, the public and their families, supporting community efforts to control the spread of the virus and to be a leader in the responsibility to get Ohio back to work.

Pursuant to these Guidelines, and consistent with prior Orders of the Court, the Court Orders as follows:

1. All Civil Jury Trials are **SUSPENDED** until June 1, 2020.
2. All Criminal Jury Trials that are not time sensitive are **SUSPENDED** until May 26, 2020.
3. All Court appearances for the C.A.R.E. docket are **SUSPENDED** until June 1, 2020.
4. The Court shall conduct pretrials by telephone unless impractical to do so. Directions to participate in the telephone pretrials shall be placed in the particular Court Order setting the pretrial.
5. All County employees that work primarily from the Guernsey County Courthouse shall each morning take their temperature before coming to work, or if no thermometer at home is available to the employee take their own temperature prior to passing through the security clearance at the Courthouse. Any employee who is experience a fever shall not report to work. If any employee becomes ill during the day, that employee shall report their illness to their supervisor and shall immediately leave the Courthouse and go home.

6. All visitors to the Court house will be greeted by the Court's Security Officer, or their designee. The information gathered from the visitors shall be the visitors' name, whether the visitor is feeling well, whether they have a fever, and the visitor shall take their temperature taken with the information obtained being logged by the Court Security Officer or their designee. That log shall be kept and maintain in the ordinary course of business.

7. Anyone who, within the last fourteen (14) days has been exposed to someone confirmed to have COVID-19, is prohibited from entering the Courthouse.

8. No one is to enter the Courthouse who is ill or running a fever. The Court Security Officer or their designee shall have the right to refuse admittance to the Courthouse of persons refusing to have their temperature taken, answer questions or who indicate they are ill.

9. Persons coming to the Courthouse should not be accompanied by other persons who are not witnesses to the case at hand. The Court reserves the right to limit the number of persons in the hallways of the Courthouse to preserve social distancing outside the courtroom.

10. Each department shall continue with the employee wellness log until further Order of the Court employees and shall perform daily symptom assessment. .

11. The Court will recommend face coverings for Court employees, attorneys and Defendants while appearing in open Court. In the event a proper recording is not able to be made due to the face coverings, then during the times when the individual is not speaking they will have the masks covering their face, but when speaking they may lower the mask to be able to be heard.

12. All employees are to maintain good hygiene at all times with plenty of hand washing and keeping social distance from one another.

13. All employees shall clean and sanitize their work places throughout the work day and at the close of their shift. The Maintenance Department will continue to clean and sanitize common areas throughout the day at the Courthouse. Hand sanitizers shall be present throughout the Courthouse.

14. Sufficient time shall be allowed in between each hearing to allow for continued required cleaning of the common areas or any required cleaning of the Courtrooms

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**JUDGE DANIEL G. PADDEN**