



IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
GENERAL DIVISION
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

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In Re:)
)
ORDER REGARDING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS)
AT A REDUCED DOCKET OF THE COURT)
DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

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The Judges of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas-General Division make the following findings of fact:

1. The findings of fact enumerated in the March 16, 2020, Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic remain in effect and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. As the virus continues to spread and impact Court operations, the health and safety of all employees and the community remains at risk.

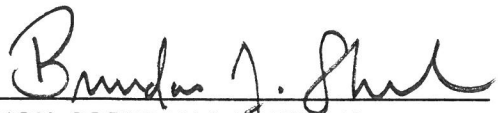
THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Judges of the Court will implement a reduced docket, with a focus on incarcerated individuals and emergency matters before the Court.
2. The Court remains "Open with Restrictions" pursuant to the March 16, 2020, Administrative Order.
3. The Judges of the Court agree that any Judge on assignment during the reduced docket period can preside over any proceeding of a case assigned to another Judge, except for the imposition of sentence.
4. Pursuant to Opinion No. 2020-002, issued by Attorney General Dave Yost on March 18, 2020, courts may suspend jury trials to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, and they may do so consistent with state and federal speedy-trial obligations. Although tolling speedy-trial time by suspending jury trial activity is an extraordinary step, it is lawful—and responsible—to do so during a pandemic emergency.
5. The period of reduced dockets will begin at 12:01 am, Friday, March 20, 2020, and will continue through April 10, 2020, at midnight. The Court will evaluate the effectiveness of the reduced dockets and may extend the period by further order if the COVID-19 pandemic remains.

6. Judges not on assignment and all staff are on call during this period of reduced dockets.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT-GENERAL DIVISION


HON. BRENDAN J. SHEEHAN
ADMINISTRATIVE & PRESIDING JUDGE

March 19, 2020
DATED