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IN RE:) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL
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GEAUGA COUNTY PROBATE AND JUVENILE)
COURT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**
) **2020-108 and 2020-51**

Due to concerns regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, the Geauga County Probate and Juvenile Court is taking the following actions, in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health’s Orders and recommendations, to minimize physical contact between people who need to be present at the courthouse.

Until further notice:

1. All initial hearings, pre-trials, and review hearings shall be conducted telephonically.

The Court will reserve the discretion to bring parties in if it deems necessary for the best interest of a child or the administration of justice.

2. All trials scheduled for the month of March and April shall proceed as scheduled. The

Court has the discretion to reschedule these hearings as it deems appropriate.

3. In cases of emergency filings, and subsequent hearings pursuant to such filings, these hearings will proceed as statutorily or procedurally required.

4. Upon entrance into Probate and Juvenile Court, all persons shall be directed to the bathroom to wash or sanitize their hands. Individuals shall also be subject to screening.

5. All persons seeking to file at the clerks window, shall do so one at a time so as to minimize physical contact and shall be subject to screening.

6. Geauga County Probate and Juvenile Court will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and make further administrative orders as it deems necessary for the health of its court staff and the public who enter the into the court lobby and courtroom.

Gauga County Probate and Juvenile Court believes these measures are reasonable and necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of those who enter the second floor of the court while still ensuring people access to justice and court services, as required by Ohio law.

The foregoing Administrative Order and information contained herein shall be published on the website for the Geauga County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

The foregoing Administrative Order shall also be furnished to the appropriate county agencies and media outlets.

If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Court at 440-279-1830.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

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