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WARREN COUNTY COURT

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF WARREN
IN THE WARREN COUNTY COURT

In Re: _____ :

Order in Response to the _____ :
COVID-19 (Coronavirus) _____ :
Public Health Crisis _____ :

The Warren County Court adopts the following COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Plan, effective immediately.

No public or spectator attendance in the courtroom is authorized. The Court limits courtroom attendance to those attorneys and parties affiliated with the case, including the attorney of record, the Defendant, the Plaintiff, complaining witness, victim, and witnesses. This applies to all dockets: Criminal, Traffic, and Civil.

The court will endeavor to implement "social distancing" by ordering those seated in the courtroom to leave one chair empty next to them, to the extent possible.

All pretrials will be conducted telephonically between representatives of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and retained counsel. All Final Pretrials will be scheduled and conducted telephonically with the assigned judge participating. Public Defender pretrials and hearings will be conducted in-person.

The Probation Department will supervise all Defendants currently serving a term of probation via telephone, except for when urine screen testing is necessary. Probation Violations will only be filed in the most extreme cases.

Regarding the Veterans Court specialized docket, in-court sessions and Treatment Team meetings are hereby suspended until further notice. The Veterans Court Probation Department will supervise all veterans currently enrolled in the Veterans Court docket via telephone, except for when urine screen testing is necessary after April 8, 2020.

Regarding the SUCCESS Mental Health specialized docket, we will operate as usual, for the time being. If a participant exhibits any symptoms associated with

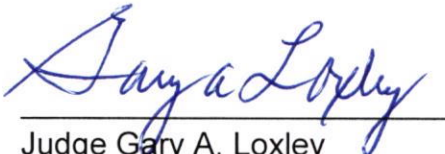
COVID-19, that person shall be excused from appearing, and their case will be rescheduled at least 28 days later. Notices will be mailed to those affected. The treatment team meetings shall be handled as follows: The treatment team leaders who provide initial information for discussion shall email that information to all team members, who shall respond electronically. Team Leaders are still expected to appear for Court. This policy will be regularly evaluated and amended as necessary.

Video arraignments traditionally on the court's schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will continue. Motions and other court hearings, bench trials, and pleas and sentence hearings will continue as scheduled.


Scheduled jury trials will be monitored for possible continuation.

All work release and litter pick-up authorizations previously granted for Defendants sentenced to a term of incarceration are hereby withdrawn, with the Court reassessing sentences for those affected.

It is so Ordered.



Judge Gary A. Loxley
Administrative Judge



Judge Robert S. Fischer
Presiding Judge