

**BEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

IN RE: TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in response to the growing dangerous effects of the COVID-19 virus on public health. In response to this public health emergency, the Bedford Municipal is taking steps to protect public health, maintain essential Court functions, and protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

Therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Effective immediately, there will be no cases scheduled at Bedford Municipal Court from Friday, March 20, 2020 through Friday, April 10, 2020. **All cases**, except those specifically identified below, previously scheduled during this period will be rescheduled and you will receive notice of the new court date. Finally, until further notice, unless ordered by the Court, there will be no Forcible Entry and Detainer move-outs executed.

The exceptions are any case involving a suspect or defendant who is in jail, any scheduled preliminary hearing, felony initial appearances, and any scheduled hearing on a motion for criminal protective order. In addition, civil garnishment hearings and requests for limited driving privileges will go forward on Friday mornings only during this time.

2. Only attorneys, litigants, defendants, victims, and necessary witnesses will be allowed into court.
3. This public health emergency may be considered "just cause" for continuances deemed necessary by the Court on a case-by-case basis.
4. Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the Public Health emergency.
5. Court Security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect Public Health while maintaining essential Court functions.
6. Employee handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court functions and operations.
7. The Court will have the lawful authority, within Constitutional limits, to do and direct all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient Administration of Justice for the duration of the declared Public Health Emergency.

This Temporary Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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THOMAS E. DAY, JR.
CLERK OF COURT
BEDFORD MUNICIPAL COURT


JUDGE BRIAN J. MELLING