

# **Continuing Operations in Ohio Courts Under Stay at Home Order COVID-19 Declaration of State of Emergency**

## **NOTICE**

Due to public health concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, Ohio courts have continued operations on a limited basis based on the Ohio Department of Health Stay at Home Order and Governor Mike DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D, Declaring a State of Emergency. Once the orders are canceled or COVID-19 stops being a threat to the state, Ohio courts will continue regular operations.

### **Guidance to Limited English Proficient Individuals Seeking Court Services**

#### **ACCESS TO THE COURTS**

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, courts will continue operations but may have some restrictions. Please call or visit your court's webpage before you physically visit the court.

**513-887-3100, option 2 - <http://www.butlercountycourt.org/>**

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Due to the coronavirus health emergency, whenever possible, please stay at least **6 feet** away from other people at court. Please also wear a mask, cover your cough and sneezes with your arm, wash your hands often, and follow the latest Ohio COVID-19 and Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations:

Ohio COVID-19

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

## **Domestic Relations Civil Protection Orders**

### **OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**

Contact the domestic relations court (local website) before your scheduled proceeding, as many trials and hearings have been postponed or continued to a later date. The court will continue to hear emergency custody and civil protection order hearings with one party being present\* (ex parte) and some full hearings (with both parties present\*). The court is using remote technology to conduct hearings where appropriate. You may be asked to participate in your proceeding by phone or video. You will be instructed how to participate. An interpreter will be provided for you, as requested.

The paperwork for filing a civil protection order may be found on-line here (<http://www.butlercountycourt.org/index.cfm?page=CourtForms>):

*\*Unless the court has already approved, parties cannot bring friends or family members to in-person hearings except if they are serving as a victim advocate or as a person providing support to the victim in a civil protection order case.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL OR VISIT:**

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