

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CINCINNATI, OHIO

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In Re:

OPERATIONS WITHIN JUDGE MEGAN
SHANAHAN'S COURTROOM UNDER
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19

Case No.:

JUDGE MEGAN E. SHANAHAN

ENTRY

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The Language contained herein mirrors and frequently duplicates the order issued by The United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, issued March 12, 2020.

This Court issues this General Order in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19, in response to which the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, has declared a state of emergency which, among other things, limits large indoor gatherings. The Governor's Declaration follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") "Interim Guidance," recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including the review of guidance from state and local health officials. Given the severity of risk posed to the public, and given the CDC mandate and the Governor's declaration, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective Friday, March 13, 2020:

- (1) All civil and criminal matters scheduled for jury trial before Judge Megan Shanahan, including any associated deadlines, are CONTINUED for Thirty (30) Days, pending further Order of the Court;
- (2) With regard to criminal matters, due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain the adequate spectrum of jurors and the effect of the above public health recommendations on the availability of counsel and court staff to be present in the courtroom, the time period of the continuances implemented by this general order will be excluded under the Ohio Revised Code section 2945.72 (H), "Extension of Time for Hearing or Trial," as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial;
- (3) Case-by-Case exceptions to the continuances provided within may be ordered at the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel;
- (4) This **ORDER** does not affect the Court's consideration of civil or criminal motions that can be resolved without oral argument.

Staff in Judge Megan Shanahan's courtroom will be available by telephone or email. Electronic filings may still be made through the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts system.

The court will vacate or amend this order no later than April 13, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE MEGAN E. SHANAHAN