

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, GENERAL DIVISION
MUNICIPAL COURT
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE: COURTHOUSE ACCESS SCREENING : **JOINT**
UNDER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES : **ADMINISTRATIVE**
CREATED BY COVID-19 : **ORDER**

The Hamilton County Courts have taken proactive steps in an effort to maintain critical Court functions while attempting to mitigate the unprecedented risks to participants, Court staff, and the public caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To protect the public from the spread of COVID-19, Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control have recommended businesses conduct daily temperature checks with touchless (forehead/temporal artery) thermometers.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that any person entering the Hamilton County Courthouse at 1000 Main Street, including all Hamilton County Employees, anyone seeking to participate in or attend a Court hearing, or anyone seeking to conduct business or access services within the Courthouse, shall submit to screening questions and a noninvasive temperature check administered at the discretion of Court Security Staff/Hamilton County Deputy Sheriffs prior to admission.

Anyone who, within the last 14 days, has been exposed to someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 shall not be permitted to enter the Courthouse. Any individuals exhibiting signs of respiratory infection (cough, fever, shortness of breath) may be denied access at the discretion of the Court Security Officer/Deputy Sheriff. If the individual screened has a temperature that exceeds 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, they shall not be admitted to the Courthouse.

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Employees who are denied admission based on a temperature check shall report the incident as soon as practicable to their supervisor via telephone or email. Anyone seeking to attend a court hearing shall be instructed to call their attorney or the courtroom staff of the judge presiding over the proceedings. If any individual refuses to submit to screening they shall not be admitted to the Courthouse.

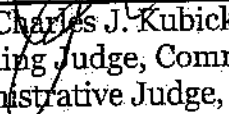
This order will be extended to include any person, including a Hamilton County employee, who is attempting to enter the Hamilton County Justice Center in order to conduct critical business when such resources required to conduct said screenings are available.

THE SHERIFF AND/OR HIS DEPUTIES AND OTHER AGENTS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANYONE WHO IS ADMITTED OR DENIED ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE AND RELATED AREAS REGARDLESS OF SUCH PERSON'S MEDICAL HEALTH.

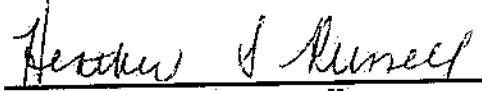
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This Joint Administrative Order is effective immediately and until further order of the Courts or dissolution of the State of Emergency declared by Governor DeWine.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

 4-6-20

Hon. Charles J. Kubicki, Jr.
Presiding Judge, Common Pleas
Administrative Judge, General Division



Hon. Heather S. Russell
Presiding and Administrative Judge,
Municipal Court

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