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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO  
JUVENILE DIVISION**

**ALBERT S. CAMPLESE  
JUVENILE JUDGE**

In Re:	)	Case No: 2020 JK 03
	)	
ORDER DECLARING A JUDICIAL EMERGENCY	)	
AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF	)	<u>JOURNAL ENTRY</u>
THE COURT DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC	)	
	)	
[Sixth Addendum re: Court procedures and rules]	)	

The Court finds the Governor of Ohio, Michael DeWine, declared the removal of health orders for vaccinated individuals on May 14, 2020. The statement was issued by the Ohio Department of Health to confirm the remaining health orders to CDC guidance through June 2nd, 2021. The Court further finds the CDC highly suggests wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated.

The Court further finds due to the age and nature of the population served by the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court, it cannot yet safely restore normal court operations due to the public health concerns identified in its previously filed COVID-19 orders and directives.

All orders previously issued by this Court pursuant to authority conferred by this Court's *Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and Continuity of Operations of the Court Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Judgment Entry*, filed March 17, 2020, shall extend and remain in effect unless otherwise modified herein.

The Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division [hereinafter "Juvenile Court"], provide the following information, and temporarily modifies routine Court procedures and Local Rules of Court as follows:

1. The court remains **OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**. Any individual entering the Juvenile Court for any reason authorized by this Court's prior orders is recommended to wear a face-covering while conducting business in, on, and about the Juvenile Court. All persons shall allow their temperature to be taken, and shall fill out a Health/COVID-19 symptom questionnaire before entering the clerk's area or courtroom(s) of the Juvenile Court. Any person with business before the court must wait in the public space or vehicle until a clerk and/or

courtroom is available. Access to a courtroom shall be restricted to parties, attorneys, and necessary witnesses. Payments to the court must be in exact cash, money order, or credit card. Juvenile Court employees are recommended to wear a face-covering during the duration of his/her interaction with any person conducting business with the court. All parties are required to maintain safe hygiene practices, with: regular hand washing, sanitizing, and social distancing.

2. **The Juvenile Resource Center is OPEN.** Any individual entering the Juvenile Resource Center for any reason authorized by this Court's prior orders is encouraged to wear a mask while conducting business in, on, and about the premises. When requesting access to the Juvenile Resource Center please call ahead to notify of your arrival, 440-994-6044. For this purpose, Juvenile Court employees are recommended to wear a face-covering during the duration of his/her interaction with any such individual. All parties shall maintain good hygiene, including regular hand washing, sanitizing, and social distancing.

3. **FAMILY DRUG COURT [FDC]**

Unless otherwise stated specifically herein, the Family Drug Court Specialized Docket [hereinafter "FDC"] is **OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS**.

- a. **Treatment Team**

Treatment Team shall meet via the *Whereby* video application or "in-person" on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. All "in-person" Team Members are recommended to wear a mask while in, on, and about the premises.

- b. **FDC Participants**

FDC Participants shall be required to attend each FDC session "in-person" on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Each participant shall be required to present to the courthouse facility, no later than 9:50 a.m. on the day of a scheduled FDC

session. All participants are recommended to wear a mask while in, on, and about the premises, and during the entire FDC session. All other requirements of the FDC program shall remain unaffected at this time; the FDC Coordinator shall notify each participant of any further changes as soon as it is practical.

**4. SUBJECT TO FURTHER MODIFICATION**

This order shall be and hereby is, remains subject to further modification.

**5. SERVICE OF JUDGMENT ENTRY**

This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ashtabula and Lake County Bar Associations, Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office, Ashtabula County Public Defender's Office; Ashtabula County Children Services Board, Cadence Care Network, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, FDC Coordinator, all FDC participants, and FDC treatment team members and the media. A copy of this judgment shall be conspicuously posted in the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, and shall be published on the website of the Juvenile Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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**ALBERT S. CAMPLESE, Judge**  
**Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas**  
**Juvenile Division**