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IN RE: MONTGOMERY COUNTY *
JUVENILE COURT *
OPERATIONS * ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Judge Anthony Capizzi, Administrative Judge of the Montgomery County Juvenile Court, hereby issues this Administrative Order in the continuing response to the public health emergency created by the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As an essential government function, the Montgomery County Juvenile Court will continue to comply with the safety guidelines that the Ohio Department of Public Health and the Montgomery County Health Department provide in order to maintain a safe working environment for Montgomery County Juvenile Court staff and the general public that we serve.

THEREFORE, given the severity of the risk posed to both the public and Court staff, it is hereby ORDERED that effective Monday, May 11, 2020:

- 1.) All Juvenile Court staff shall be required to wear facial coverings while present in any Juvenile Court facility and departments thereof, including all Courtrooms.
- 2.) Said facial coverings must be secure to the face covering the nose and mouth. Said facial coverings shall not cover the entire head and face.
- 3.) Juvenile Court Staff who are unable to wear a facial covering due to health reasons must be so approved by the Court Administrator, and in the sole discretion of the Court Administrator, may be required to provide a doctor's explanation indicating the reason for the inability to wear facial coverings.
- 4.) Juvenile Court staff are only permitted to remove any facial covering when they are alone in a private office.
- 5.) All other individuals entering a Juvenile Court facility are strongly recommended and encouraged to wear facial coverings during their entire stay in the Juvenile Court facility. The Ohio Department of Public Health has highly recommended the wearing of facial coverings as a method of prevention of spreading the COVID-19 virus. Even though the wearing of facial coverings is not mandated, the Court reserves the right to require an individual to wear a facial covering based upon inappropriate and

unhealthy behavior while in a Juvenile Court facility that presents a COVID – 19 health risk to others.

- 6.) Additionally, facial covering is not a substitute for the health practice of social distancing while in any Juvenile Court facility. Social distancing is defined as continually maintaining at least six (6) feet of distance from other persons with the exceptions of household/family members, attorney-client relationships and Juvenile Court staff with the responsibility of the custody and control of youth in Juvenile Court facilities.
- 7.) This Order and all its provisions shall remain in effect until further order of this Court through its Administrative Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



DATE: MAY - 7 2020

**ANTHONY CAPIZZI, ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**