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STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF WARREN WARREN COUNTY COURT IN THE WARREN COUNTY COURT

In Re:

Revised Order in Response to the : COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Public Health Crisis

The Warren County Court adopts the following COVID-19 Public Health Crisis Plan, effective immediately. This Order supersedes all previous COVID-19 Orders and Revised Orders issued by this court.

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Facial coverings will be required for all members of the public doing business in the court, to include attorneys, parties affiliated with the case, probationers, and jurors. Exceptions to this rule are the same as those accompanying the mask order from the Governor of Ohio. Everyone doing business with the court is reminded to bring a facial covering with them.

No public spectator attendance in the courtroom is authorized. The Court limits courtroom attendance to those attorneys and parties affiliated with the case, including the attorney of record, the Defendant, the Plaintiff, complaining witness, victim, witnesses, and jurors. This applies to all dockets: Criminal, Traffic, and Civil.

The court will observe "social distancing" by ordering those seated in the courtroom to leave one chair empty next to them, to the extent possible. The courtroom podium will be wiped down and cleaned periodically during the day. Hand sanitizer and a limited number of facial coverings (masks) will be available for public use or distribution.

All persons conducting business with the court must report to the Deputy Clerk of Court's window in the lobby when they arrive. Similarly, unless directed otherwise, all persons concluding business with the court must report to the Deputy Clerk of Court's window in the lobby before leaving the premises.

The presiding judge reserves the right to modify this Order, as necessary, for the orderly conduct of jury trials, bench trials, hearings on motion, and other court proceedings. Specific instructions will be given to the parties and counsel at that time.

It is so Ordered.

Judge Gary A. Loxley Administrative Judge

Judge Robert S. Fischer Presiding Judge