

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
TWELFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO

: **ORDER DETAILING COURT**
: **OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19**
: **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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The Twelfth District Court of Appeals will continue to serve the citizens of Butler, Brown, Clinton, Clermont, Madison, Fayette, Preble and Warren counties during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The court will remain open for business and the judges will continue to consider and decide cases. The court is available to address emergency situations as necessary.


Consistent with the orders of Governor DeWine and the tolling order filed by Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice O'Connor on March 27, 2020, the court will take all steps necessary to insure the health and safety of the public, litigants, attorneys, judges and court staff, including but not limited to the following:

1. The 12th District Courthouse is temporarily closed to the public, but will remain open and staffed as necessary to conduct the business of the court.
2. All mediations will be conducted remotely to limit physical contact while allowing parties to continue to use the court's mediation program;
3. Briefs and motions, as always, must be filed with the clerk of the appropriate county court of appeals. Clerks will continue to deliver filings to the court;
4. All cases currently scheduled for oral argument will be submitted to the court for decision on the briefs unless, pursuant to motion, oral argument is granted;

5. Many questions can be answered by visiting the court's website. The court is also available by telephone at (513) 425-6609;
6. Questions regarding the operation of the offices of the 12th District clerks of court should be directed to the office of the clerk of the court of appeals of the particular county.

Although filing deadlines have been "tolled" until this period of emergency ends or July 30, 2020 pursuant to orders of the Ohio legislature and the Chief Justice, the court will continue to decide cases that are fully briefed and ready to be submitted, and continue to issue scheduling orders and handle cases as usual as far as possible. Parties may move for extensions of time based on the tolling orders; the court will strive to uniformly apply the language and intent of the tolling orders and any other applicable orders or directives which may be in effect now or in the future as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Mike Powell, Administrative Judge