

The Court of Common Pleas

Darke County, Ohio

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Health Notice for Prospective Jurors, Parties, Attorneys and Witnesses

As of June 2, 2021, the Governor of the State of Ohio declared an end to health and safety orders that were designed to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Based on this guidance and other factors, this Court has also removed its prior restrictive protocols.

However, the Court remains mindful that there are countless reasons why members of the public may desire to continue practicing health and safety regimens in order to protect their own health. Common examples include wearing masks and practicing social distancing. The following outline explains the current protocols regarding health and safety within the court's facilities.

1. Prospective jurors should not report if you have tested positive for Covid within 10 days prior to the trial date or are in a contact group that is medically required to quarantine. Do not report if you have a fever above 99.9 degrees without use of fever-reducing medications, or if you have a persistent cough. Attorneys and pro se parties should notify the court if health issues arise. Witnesses should advise the party who summoned your appearance.

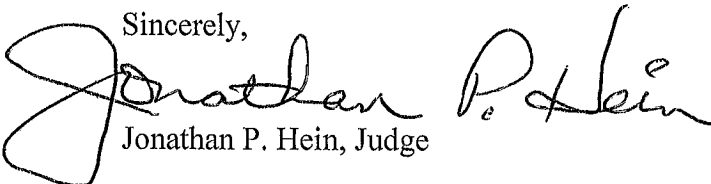
2. An individual's personal health and safety practices have never been an excuse for missing court appearances, whether as a litigant, juror, witness or attorney. The Court encourages prospective jurors, litigants, attorneys and witnesses to express their concerns about desired health and safety needs. Please be prepared to provide any documentation to support your circumstances (such as doctor's orders, prescription orders and other medical records). The information will be kept confidential.

3. The Court expects to make decisions on a case by case basis whether an accommodation will be granted. Possible accommodations may include (1) being excused from a court appearance, (2) requiring an alternative means of appearing, such a remote tele-conferencing, and (3) granting a continuance. No one is automatically entitled to be excused.

If you contact the Court, please use the number listed above and ask for the Bailiff or Court Reporter. Documents should be sent to the email address or fax number listed above. Make sure you provide a valid phone number in the event the Court must contact you.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,



Jonathan P. Hein, Judge