

Press Release: Common Pleas Court Guidance-Update

March 20, 2020

This updated release is being issued to provide information to the public who may have business with the Courts or the Clerk of Courts. Please refer to prior releases on-line at eriecounty.oh.gov.

To protect against spread of the virus the Courts and Clerk's offices will be operating with limited staff and capacity. All non-emergency matters are being delayed or accommodated by other means.

Please DO NOT come to the Courthouse unless you have an emergency matter that is completely ready for filing or if you have a scheduled hearing that you have verified is going forward. You can verify the status of pending matters by calling your attorney. Please do not call the Court or the Clerk if you have an attorney representing you, this will create confusion. If you do not have an Attorney, please call the appropriate Court or Clerk's Office for instructions (numbers listed below). When you come to the Courthouse, you will be asked the purpose of your visit and you will be denied entry if your purpose for visiting is for anything other than an emergency or verified matter.

You should not come to the Courthouse (or any public place) if you are ill or experiencing symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, cough, or shortness of breath).

If you come to the Courthouse for an emergency or verified matter, you are requested to maintain appropriate social distancing of six feet from all others while at the Courthouse and during screening.

Starting Monday, March 23, 2020, all persons entering the courthouse will be subject to health screening. More specifically, every person will have their temperature taken upon entering the building. Temperature will be taken by any device and by any method deemed appropriate by the Erie County Health Department. Anyone with a temperature over 100.4 degrees will be refused entry to the Courthouse.

At the discretion of the screeners, several health screening questions may be asked of those seeking entry. Anyone refusing screening or determined to be at high risk of exposure, transmission or currently symptomatic may be refused admission to the Courthouse at the discretion of the screening staff. The Erie County Sherriff is authorized to enforce these provisions.

To contact the Court or Clerk:

Erie County Common Pleas Court-

General/Criminal/Domestic Relations Divisions-

Cases assigned to Judge Tygh Tone

Call 419-627-7731

Cases assigned to Judge Roger Binette

Call Lori Rickenbaugh or Vicki Fitzgerald at 419-627-7732

Probate Division-

Judge Beverly McGookey Call 419-627-7754

Juvenile Division-

Judge Robert DeLamatre Call 419-627-7782

Erie County Clerk of Courts

Luvada Wilson Call 419-627-7706