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Wayne County Domestic Relations Court 107 West Liberty Street Wooster, Ohio 44691

Due to recent guidance from the Ohio Governor's Office and the CDC regarding the need for precautionary policy implementation, the Wayne County Domestic Relations Court shall immediately adopt the following practices:

<u>Unless otherwise notified by the Court</u>, all temporary orders hearings, status conferences, and pretrial hearings will be conducted **via telephone**. Unless otherwise advised, the parties and/or counsel shall email the appropriate magistrate a contact number in order to be reached for the Court to initiate the call. The contact information shall be <u>provided at least 2 hours</u> prior to the hearing. Failure to do so will result in the matter being rescheduled. *Again, if you are advised otherwise, please follow the appropriate procedures*.

Until further notice, all dissolution hearings and uncontested divorces shall be rescheduled.

All child support hearings are continued until further notice.

All final scheduled hearings, including post-decree cases, shall be evaluated according to the facts and circumstances presented, and the Court will utilize its discretion to determine as to whether the hearing should be postponed and rescheduled.

All mediation conferences are postponed until further notice.

All in camera interviews of children are continued until further order of the Court.

The appointed Guardian ad Litem, if applicable, shall contact all parties via telephone or electronic communication. The Guardian ad Litem will not conduct in person interviews until further order of the Court.

All other matters will be determined on a case by case basis.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this uncertain time.

Judge Mark K. Wiest Administrative Judge

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