

**Judge Robert W. Berger**  
**Portage County Common Pleas Court**  
**Juvenile Division**

Joseph Szymanski  
Chief Magistrate

Roxana R. Lyle  
Magistrate

March 13, 2020


In Re: Emergency Order

Please be advised that during this pandemic the Court has made an Emergency Order restricting access to the Portage County Juvenile Court to persons who display certain symptoms.

Attached is the Emergency Order, Screening Tool Form, Denial of Entrance Form, Ohio Department of Health and Portage County Board of Health documents.

All persons inclusive of law enforcement, attorneys, prosecutors, guardian ad-litem, victims, witnesses etc. shall be screened in accordance with the Emergency Order.

Sincerely,

  
Bob Berger, Judge  
Court of Common Pleas  
Juvenile/Probate Division

Attachments

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
JUVENILE DIVISION

PORTAGE COUNTY  
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STATE OF OHIO )  
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COUNTY OF PORTAGE )

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IN THE MATTER OF:  
  
EMERGENCY ORDER  
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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COMMON PLEAS COURT  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
JOURNAL ENTRY  
ORDER OF REFERENCE  
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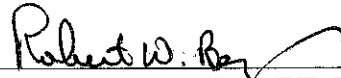
The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared to be a Pandemic by the World Health Organization. The President of the United States has declared a National Emergency as a result of the Pandemic. Governor DeWine has declared a State of Emergency for Ohio and the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the Ohio Department of Health and Portage County Department of Health have issued certain guidelines. The Portage County Juvenile Court in order to keep the Court Open and protect the health, safety and welfare of its staff and the citizens it serves makes the following Emergency Order which shall remain in effect from 8:00 a.m., March 16, 2020 until further Order of the Court:

- 1.) No person shall enter the Portage County Juvenile Court located at 8000 Infirmary Road, Ravenna, Ohio, if they have a fever over 100.4 F and/or coughing symptoms. This Order includes employees and staff;
- 2.) All persons seeking entrance to the Portage County Juvenile Court shall truthfully execute a Screening Tool form;
- 3.) If available, all persons entering the Portage County Juvenile Court, inclusive of employees and staff, shall have their temperature taken with a no contact thermometer;
- 4.) Any person denied entrance to the Portage County Juvenile Court shall truthfully complete a Denial of Entrance form which shall promptly be put in the case file for the case the person was appearing and the Judicial Hearing Officer for the case shall be immediately notified;
- 5.) If a person denied is a party, essential witness, attorney or guardian ad-litem, the Judicial Hearing Officer, after consulting the parties and attorneys, shall decide whether to go forward or reset the hearing because of the pandemic emergency;
- 6.) Any person denied entrance shall be given a March 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 Ohio Department and Portage County Health Department Fact Sheet and will be asked to leave the Portage County Juvenile Court premise and remain at a minimum of six (6) feet from any other person.

This Emergency Order shall be reviewed by the Court not more than every fourteen (14) days after its filing date.

IT IS SO ORDERED

March 16, 2020  
March 16, 2020

  
ROBERT W. BERGER, JUDGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRESIDING JUDGE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Office of Communications (614) 644-8562

March 6, 2020

## Ohio Department of Health Opens Call Center to Help With COVID-19 Response

*1-833-4-ASK-ODH Open Seven Days a Week*

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH, today announced the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has opened a call center to answer questions regarding coronavirus (COVID-19). The call center will be open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Call center staff includes licensed nurses and infectious disease experts. They will be available to answer questions and provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state's response.

There are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio. The number of potential cases and the results of testing are regularly updated every weekday at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov). *No longer true*

While the general risk to the public in Ohio is still considered low, it is important to continue to follow standard precautions to prevent the spread of infectious disease. To prevent the spread of any virus including novel coronavirus, practice these preventative measures:

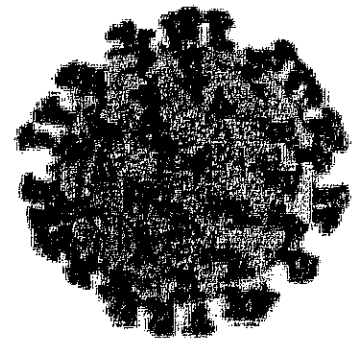
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Additional information and guidance on COVID-19 is available at ODH's new website, [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

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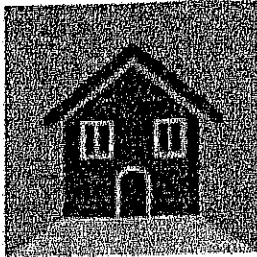
Note to media: B-roll of the call center can be found and downloaded [here](#).

# COVID-19: Facts NOT Fear

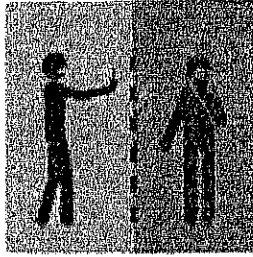


## Ways to stay healthy:

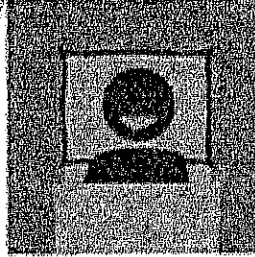
Information from coronavirus.ohio.gov



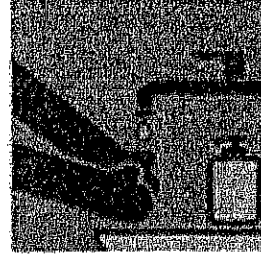
STAY HOME  
WHEN YOU ARE  
SICK



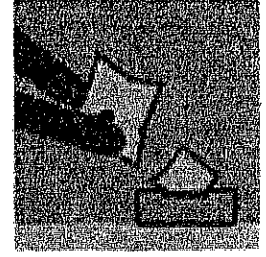
AVOID CONTACT  
WITH PEOPLE  
WHO ARE SICK



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP  
AND EAT WELL-  
BALANCED  
MEALS



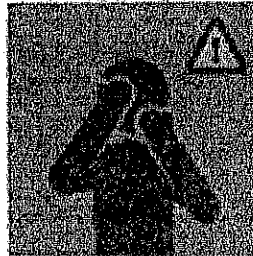
WASH HANDS OFTEN  
WITH WATER AND SOAP  
(20 SECONDS  
OR LONGER)



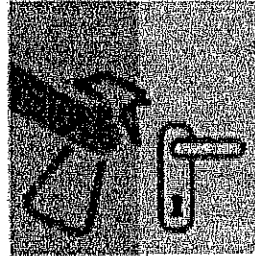
DRY HANDS WITH  
A CLEAN TOWEL  
OR AIR DRY  
YOUR HANDS



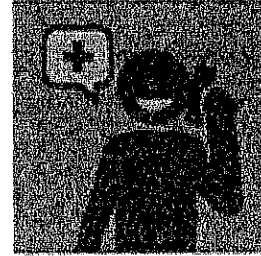
COVER YOUR MOUTH  
WITH A TISSUE OR  
SLEEVE WHEN  
COUGHING OR SNEEZING



AVOID TOUCHING  
YOUR EYES, NOSE,  
OR MOUTH WITH  
UNWASHED HANDS  
OR AFTER  
TOUCHING SURFACES



CLEAN AND DISINFECT  
"HIGH-TOUCH"  
SURFACES OFTEN



CALL BEFORE VISITING  
YOUR DOCTOR



PRACTICE GOOD  
HYGIENE HABITS

## Got questions about COVID-19?

Call the ODH Hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

## Feeling worried or anxious about COVID-19?

Mental Health support is available at Townhall II at 330-678-HELP (4357) or text the Crisis Text Line at "4HOPE" to 741741.



PORTAGE COUNTY  
COMBINED GENERAL  
HEALTH DISTRICT



Mental Health &  
Recovery Board  
OF PORTAGE COUNTY

PORTAGE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT  
8000 INFIRMARY ROAD  
RAVENNA, OHIO 44266  
330-297-0881

**DENIAL OF ENTRANCE FORM**

1.) Reason entry was refused:

\_\_\_\_\_

2.) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Reason for being at the courthouse:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Party
- \_\_\_\_\_ Witness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney/Guardian ad-litem
- \_\_\_\_\_ Victim
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

4.) Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PORTAGE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT  
8000 INFIRMARY ROAD  
RAVENNA, OHIO 44266  
330-297-0881

**SCREENING TOOL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following questions BEFORE entering the Portage County Juvenile Court.

	YES	NO
1.) Do you have or had a fever (100.4° or higher) within the last 14 days?	_____	_____
2.) Cough/shortness of breath?	_____	_____
3.) Pneumonia/flu within last 14 days?	_____	_____
4.) Have you traveled out of the country in the last 14 days or been in contact with someone who has been to a level 2 or 3 country as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention? A list of countries can be found at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travelprecautions.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travelprecautions.html</a>	_____	_____
5.) Have you had contact with anyone who has a lab confirmed Novel Coronavirus test within the last 14 days?	_____	_____

Temperature (if known now)\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_