

MAHONING COUNTY COURTS #2-#5

June 11, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: Mahoning County Courts #2-5 Operations in response COVID-19

The Mahoning County Courts #2-#5 remain open and functioning as we deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 virus. We shall follow CDC, State of Ohio and local health guidelines while continuing to encourage the wearing of masks and social distancing, if an employee or the public who has not been vaccinated. We reserve the right to limit number of persons at our courts, especially during court sessions.

- By August 2, 2021 all four (4) Courts shall return to all in-person hearings with staggered scheduling to limit the number of persons at any given time within our courts;
- We will continue scheduling hearings before the Judges, except prisoner cases, and the parties will be notified by the clerk of their court date with notice to be sent to the address the court has on file.
- Video Arraignments and Initial Appearance(s) will continue with prisoners in the Mahoning County Justice Center;
- Any prisoners who are scheduled for hearings shall be transported to the courts;
- Jury trials may resume and will be determined by each individual court.

All of the County Courts arraignment session(s) for prisoners will remain open. But friends and family members of those prisoners are requested to stay home rather than risk their health by coming to court.

In-person reporting probation resumed as of June 1, 2021, if a client is requesting not to report in person and the request is COVID related, the Probation Officer may excuse a client based on the information provided. All clients who have been given a report date to serve a jail sentence should report as ordered.

As in the practice of the Courts, we will continue to make every effort to minimize the number of prisoners in the county jail, to the extent that the safety of the community or the alleged victim, if any, is not jeopardized.

We will continue to assess the situation to determine if additional precautions will be necessary.

For emergency matters that need immediate attention, please contact the Judge assigned to your case or the Administrative and Presiding Judge, Joseph M. Houser at (330) 726-5546. The following is the contact information for each of the County Courts:

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Mahoning County Court #2

The Honorable Joseph M. Houser, Judge

8110 Market Street

Boardman, OH 44512

Main Telephone: (330) 726-5546

Bailiff: Jennifer Willis, ext. 6374

Administrative Clerk: Miriam Pagan, ext. 6366

Mahoning County Court #3

The Honorable Joseph L. Schiavoni, Judge

606 E. Ohio Avenue

Sebring, OH 44672

Main Telephone: (330) 938-9783

Interim Bailiff: Allison Grope, ext. 6308

Administrative Clerk: Rosanne Amatore, ext. 6305

Mahoning County Court #4

The Honorable Scott D. Hunter, Judge

6000 Mahoning Avenue, Suite 222

Austintown, OH 44515

Main Telephone: (330) 740-2001

Bailiff: Heidi Milstead, ext. 6324

Administrative Clerk: Betsy Velazquez, ext. 6328

Mahoning County Court #5

The Honorable Molly K. Johnson, Judge

72 N. Broad Street

Canfield, OH 44406

Main Telephone: (330) 533-3643

Bailiff: Mara Brandenstein ext. 6381

Administrative Clerk: Rosanne Amatore, ext. 6381

Any other questions or concerns, please contact:

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Court Administrator

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