

## **Kettering Municipal Court**

2325 Wilmington Pike  
Kettering, Ohio 45420

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### **Kettering Municipal Court Operating Plan During Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic – as of Tuesday, March 17 8:00 am:**

The following announcement has been updated as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 8:00 am and is subject to change based on the latest governmental and Court directives:

The Kettering Municipal Court continues to respond to the ever-changing Coronavirus 2019 crisis as state and national directives evolve. In order to continue to provide essential justice services while being mindful of public health needs, CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines, the Court is making the following changes effective immediately.

Kettering Municipal Court will remain open and functioning as we deal with the impacts of COVID-19. Some limited court appearances will still be required for certain individuals, however, most court arraignments and hearings will be continued and rescheduled to a date sometime after Friday, May 8 to be determined in the near future.

#### **Changes to the court schedule are as follows:**

- All civil hearings, evictions and small claims hearings will be postponed for eight (8) weeks, with new filings scheduled for hearings sometime after May 8, unless specified by the Court.
- All arraignments for felony offenses, violent offenses and OVI's (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence) will be held as scheduled unless otherwise determined by the court, along with all felony preliminary hearings.
- All arraignments for incarcerated individuals will be held via video with the Montgomery County Jail.
- All Temporary Protection Order requests will be heard and TPOs served per current procedures.

- All other misdemeanor traffic and criminal arraignments, hearings and trials will be continued to a new date sometime after May 8 to be scheduled in the near future as circumstances dictate.
- No criminal or civil jury trials will be held until after May 8. Jurors who have already been summoned for jury duty before May 8 do not need to report to the Court.
- All pre-trials will be conducted by telephone or video conference.
- All notices of new court dates will be sent to the addresses the court has on file. The Court asks individuals to update their address and phone number with the court if it has recently changed.
- Individuals who walk in with active warrants will be arraigned if practical to do so.

The Court will be closed to all individuals who do not have essential business with the Court as outlined above pending further order of the Court. Court case records and remote options are available through the Court's website at [www.ketteringmunicipalcourt.com](http://www.ketteringmunicipalcourt.com).

If an individual is required to appear and has been sick, is caring for someone who is ill, has had a fever or been around someone with a fever the past 48 hours (without fever-reducing medication), or for more information, please call the Clerk of Court's Office at 937-296-2461.

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