

GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT

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Eric R. Mulford, Judge

Lou Ellen Werry, Clerk

The Gallipolis Municipal Court follows the recommendations of the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio Judicial Conference in regards to court operations during the current public health emergency.

The Court remains open during normal business hours. Enhanced cleaning occurs daily. No one who is exhibiting any symptoms associated with COVID-19 may enter the building.

The Court encourages social distancing in the lobby and the courtroom. No more than 6 people should remain in the lobby, and no more than 10 people should remain in the courtroom, at any one time.

Signage is posted at the entrance to the Justice Center describing the symptoms of the disease, noting the facility occupancy limits, and informing the public of recommended personal hygiene practices.

A variety of options are available for persons to transact business with the Court without personally coming to the Justice Center. Everyone is encouraged to make payments by phone, mail, or online; to use the online record search function to review case records; to download forms from our website; and to submit pleadings by mail, fax, or e-filing.

Civil pre-trials are conducted by telephone conference. In lieu of a criminal/traffic pre-trial, a scheduling entry signed by the defendant and his/her attorney may be submitted to the clerk. Otherwise, all hearings and trials are heard in the courtroom as scheduled, with the parties expected to personally appear.

However, the Court is very lenient in granting requests for continuance or requests to appear by video conferencing for persons who are at high risk for COVID-19, as identified in the Ohio Department of Health's April 30, 2020 Stay Safe Ohio Order. The Court will make similar accommodations for direct caregivers of those persons.

Questions regarding these protocols may be directed to the clerk's office. Questions regarding reporting probation, community service and treatment requirements should be directed to your probation officer.

Resources may be found at supremecourt.ohio.gov/coronavirus/default.aspx and coronavirus.ohio.gov.