

## JUDGES

Honorable Mary A. Falvey  
Honorable Richard J. Kubilus  
Honorable John A. Poulos  
Honorable Curt Werren



## COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Michael E. Kochera  
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# The Canton Municipal Court

## PRESS RELEASE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to protect the public, court staff and maintain normal operations, effective Friday March 13, 2020 the Canton Municipal Court will remain open but operating under a Emergency Operations Plan until further notice.

Under these Emergency Conditions the Court will restrict access to the building to those parties/litigants with case(s) on the daily docket and those with official business with the Court, i.e., court filings, access to Canton Police Level, etc. Court patrons are encouraged to utilize the online or phone payments at [www.cantonscourt.org](http://www.cantonscourt.org) or 330.489.3207 as opposed to making payments in person.

Defendants on Probation or Pretrial Supervision will report via telephone or email as directed by their supervising officer for the next thirty (30) days.

The Court's Night Court Session will be suspended effective March 13, 2020 through June 1, 2020

Additionally, under Emergency Operations Plan and pursuant to the Rules of Superintendence for Ohio Courts, Sup.R.5(A)(2), the Court may:

1. Suspend or modify the operation of any Local Rule of Practice;
2. Adopt temporary Local Rules of Practice;
3. Utilize alternative methods to conduct hearings, including but not limited to the use of audio/visual technology and/or telephonic hearings;
4. Continue matters sua sponte;
5. Regulate public access to the Court;
6. Modify the terms and provisions of the Employee Personnel Manual;
7. Do or direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice;

The goal of the Emergency Operations Plan is to protect the public, protect the court staff and maintain normal operations. The Judges of the Court will monitor the public health crisis impact on the Court operations and formally review the necessity of any temporary rules at least every thirty (30) days and return to normal and regular operations as soon as public and staff safety and orderly administration of justice can be reasonably ensured.

All currently scheduled hearings will go forward as scheduled.