

**Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division  
Hamilton County, Ohio**

**IN RE: Hamilton County Juvenile Court** : **Case#: MJ 629**  
: **Order Amending MJ Entries**  
**587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592,**  
**609, 611, 624, 626 and 627**

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The Hamilton County Juvenile Court has been taking proactive steps to maintain essential functions of the Court while preventing and mitigating the risk for infection and spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) disease. In developing and expanding the Court's Plan for Operations throughout the pandemic and as the vaccine became widely available to the public, the Court consulted and collaborated with key stakeholders including, but not limited to: Prosecutor's Office; Public Defender's Office; Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services; ProKids; the Supreme Court of Ohio; Hamilton County Public Health; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center [hereinafter CCHMC]; social service agencies; schools; treatment providers; and other local/state agencies. The Court continues to prioritize the safety and well-being of the families and children we serve, our workforce and the public appearing in our Court. Due to the low transmission and infection rates in Hamilton County and the decreasing rates at the Youth Center, the Court is making the following modifications to its COVID-19 Operations at the Youth Center located at 2020 Auburn Avenue after consulting with Dr. Emmanuel Chandler and CCHMC staff:

Effective June 1, 2022, the Court is expanding visitation for professionals to provide additional space, days and times for in-person contact with professionals working with residents at the Youth Center and their families. In-person visitation will be available seven days per week. The Court will prioritize visits with attorneys, Guardians ad Litem, Court Appointed Special Advocates and the Hamilton County Department of Job & Family Services. Professionals will be required to schedule visits by contacting Tonya Winstead and Jeff Baker by email or phone. Contact information for Ms. Winstead and Mr. Barker is as follows:

Tonya Winstead: [TWinstead@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org](mailto:TWinstead@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org);  
Phone: 513.946.2655

Jeff Baker: [JBaker@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org](mailto:JBaker@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org)  
Phone: 513.946.2636

The Court has added space and staffing to accommodate contact visitations in five rooms on weekdays (Mondays through Fridays) during the hours of 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

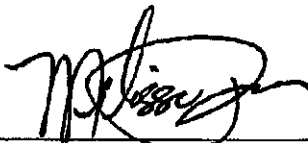
Additionally, the Court has identified space and staffing to accommodate contact visitations in two rooms on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the hours of 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Visitations will be limited to sixty minutes.

Professionals may make a special request for additional time beyond the 60 minute limit or request an accommodation to include different hours for the visitation from those specified herein. Special requests must be in writing and state the reason for the special request and should be sent to Ms. Winstead and Mr. Baker by email. The Youth Center Administration will make reasonable efforts to accommodate special requests based upon staffing and issues related to the safety and well-being of the residents. Visitors to the Youth Center will be expected to wear masks during in-person visitations, and the residents will also be required to wear a mask to minimize risk for infection and spread. Professionals should make efforts to minimize the disruption to the residents' school days when scheduling visitations.

The above modifications will be subject to on-going review and assessment, and may be updated if there is any change in transmission and infection rates in Hamilton County or at the Youth Center. All other orders remain in full force and effect.

***IT IS SO ORDERED.***

5/31/22  
Date

  
Melissa Powers, Administrative Judge

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