



Hamilton County Juvenile Court

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Additional Delinquency Procedures

Under the leadership of Administrative Judge John Williams, the Hamilton County Juvenile Court took proactive steps to maintain essential functions of the Court and assist in preventing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) disease during this State of Emergency. In developing the Court's Plan for Operation, the Court has consulted and collaborated with key stakeholders, which include, but are 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; social service agencies; treatment providers and other local/state agencies. The Court prioritized the safety and well-being of the families and children we serve, our workforce and the public appearing in our Court.

Additional Case Processing During the COVID-19 Crisis

The Court will schedule remote hearings for non-emergent cases where parties are able to reach stipulations of facts and agreements on adjudications/dispositions and other motions. These cases may include cases where very limited testimony is required. The Court is willing to accept a partial agreement in an effort to streamline cases and narrow the issues in dispute.

After all parties have been served with the Motion and/or complaint **and** after obtaining stipulations of facts and agreements on the same, parties shall contact the Court to request a remote hearing date and time. The requesting party will file a written request for service and the Court will send notice per the written request as well as instruct attorneys and parties on how to participate remotely.

The Court will limit the individuals who may appear in the courtroom to attorneys and necessary parties. With permission from the Court, interested persons may be granted access to participate remotely from the overflow room.