

Date: March 12, 2020

To: Greene County Bar Association and Dayton Bar Association

From: Judge Cappelli

Re: COVID-19

All,

There will be no transports effective immediately from the jail to Court for any hearings except for trials. Attorneys are to be in contact with their clients prior to Court. The defendant will appear by video and the attorney shall be present in the courtroom.

Effective immediately all appearances at pretrials for defendants who are out of custody are waived. The defendant's attorney will still conduct the pretrial. The prosecutor may be in contact to arrange for this to be done over the telephone.

All civil pretrials will occur by phone. Telephone contact will be initiated by the Magistrate. All counsel must have the ability to contact their clients for settlement authority.

Probation officers will use discretion in determining which probationers will report by phone. Probation officers will no longer be entering the jail to interview defendants. The Court will be exploring alternative avenues to complete these assessments in the future.

A new bond schedule is effective immediately. Defendants are to be released on their own recognizance unless the offense falls under the categories constitutionally protected by Amy's/Marcy's Law. This new bond schedule is attached.

Thank you.