

Urgent Public Health Notice

Notice from Judge Vigorito, Newton Falls Municipal Court

In response to the State of Emergency issued by the Governor, and the outbreak in Trumbull County of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Newton Falls Municipal Court is urging the public to utilize our phone system, website and mail as much as possible temporarily to limit face to face contact for at least the next 30 to 60 days.

1. Access to the Court will be limited to those with actual urgent business with the Court or Probation. Visitors shall be restricted to those having business before the Court ONLY. Family members, guests and ancillary participants are NOT permitted to attend Court proceedings until further notice.
2. If you are supposed to appear in Court for an arraignment on a traffic ticket or low level, non-violent misdemeanors, you may ask to continue your initial appearance or may file a written Not Guilty Plea and Waiver of Time:
 - To request a continuance, call the Court Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 330-872-0232.
 - Waivers and all other payments can be paid online at our website www.newtonfallscourt.com, by phone at 1-866-895-0198 or by mailing a money order to the Court at 19 N. Canal St., Newton Falls, OH 44444, no personal or business checks.
 - You may enter a **Not Guilty Plea and Waiver of Time** by filling out the form provided online at this website. That can be faxed, E-filed, Emailed to court@newtonfallscourt.com or mailed to our address and will be scheduled for a hearing at a later date 45 – 90 days out.

3. Most Probation appointments will be conducted by telephone at 330-872-1798. Please call your Probation Officer for answers about your individual situation.
4. E-filings are being accepted online at our website or you may fax any filing to 330-872-3899. Forms for individuals for filings are available online at our website for Traffic, Criminal and Civil cases.
5. Judicial and clerk's staff, attorneys, witnesses, jurors and security personnel who exhibit signs of illness shall notify their employing or reporting authority by telephone or email and shall not come in to the courthouse or report for duty unless specifically instructed to do so by the employing or reporting authority. Any person employed in the courthouse may be subject to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and exclusion from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.

We are making all efforts to clean and sanitize as much as possible to avoid the spread of germs.

Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time.