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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:)	JUDGE COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI
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REVISED COVID-19 ORDERS)	AMENDED
AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021)	JOURNAL ENTRY
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Effective September 13, 2021, and until further order of the Lake County Domestic Relations Court, the following provisions are in effect:

1. The Lake County Domestic Relations Court shall continue to use Zoom video conferencing or similar technologies, such as telephone conferencing, for actions and proceedings unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Notice will be provided to specify the format by which hearings will be held.
2. All in-person hearings in the Domestic Relations Court are limited to attorneys, parties, and witnesses only unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Witnesses are permitted to enter the Courthouse when called by the Court on their cellphones.
3. All visitors and employees entering the Lake County Courthouse with business at the Lake County Domestic Relations Court, shall be required to wear a mask covering both their nose and mouth while in public areas whether they are vaccinated or unvaccinated, unless a medically documented reason prevents the person from covering their face.
4. Witnesses shall not wear masks while on the witness stand. The purpose of this policy is to allow the Judge and Magistrates to effectively determine credibility and to ensure accurate transcription of the testimony. Should a witness need to wear a mask while testifying during a hearing, a timely motion to appear with a facial covering/mask, via Zoom or to continue the matter shall be filed.
5. All parties and attorneys shall follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for travel.

6. Court filings are to be sent to the Lake County Clerk of Courts by Regular U.S. Mail, express mail, or by commercial carrier service. Filing in person at the Clerk of Courts office is unnecessary.
7. All other prior COVID-19 Orders of this Court are hereby rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI, JUDGE

cc: Lake County Prosecutor
Lake County Public Defender
Lake County Sheriff
Lake County Bar Association
Geauga County Bar Association
Ashtabula County Bar Association