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### COVID-19 UPDATE (Corona Virus)

At the Delaware County Prosecutor's Office we are doing our best to ensure that the work of our office continues, and that we continue to timely and effectively serve the public and our clients as we attempt to protect the health and safety of the public and our staff during the declared COVID-19 emergency.

We will be practicing social distancing. As a result, business will be conducted to the greatest extent possible by telephone or electronic means.

Safety precautions within the common pleas and municipal courts have previously been put into place. We will be adhering to those precautions. This involves such things as conducting hearings by phone, video conferencing, and e-filing. Subject to court order, some hearings may be delayed. Please check the respective court's website docket for a list of scheduled hearings and hearing statuses. To check the status of a subpoena issued by our office, please check our website (<https://prosecutor.co.delaware.oh.us/>).

Our Victim Services Unit will remain open and available to conduct any meetings or court business with victims by telephone. This will primarily impact individuals who need a civil protection order, as we will no longer be meeting in person to review the application paperwork. We remain available by phone to discuss the Civil Protection Order process, and walk you through the process from beginning to end. The Victim Services Unit is available Monday-Friday from 8-4:30 PM at 740-833-2710.

Civil Protection Order forms are hosted online by the Ohio Supreme Court. The forms can be accessed at:

<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/JCS/domesticViolence/default.asp>

Please contact the Victim Services Unit for assistance in completing these forms.

Types of Civil Protection Orders (CPO): Stalking, Dating Violence, Sexually Oriented Offenses, Domestic Violence or Juvenile Protection Orders

- You can apply for a **Stalking CPO** if the offender is engaging in a pattern of conduct that makes you believe you are in imminent danger.

- You can apply for a **Dating Violence CPO** if the offender and yourself have been in an intimate relationship, not living together and have separated within the current year, and they have physically abused you.
- You can apply for a **Sexually Oriented Offense CPO** if you have experienced any type of sexual abuse including rape or gross sexual imposition.
- You can apply for a **Domestic Violence CPO** if you are related to the offender by blood or marriage and you are currently living together, or used to live together or you have a child with the offender whether or not you were ever married or lived together and they have physically abused you or your children.
- You can apply for a **Juvenile CPO** if the offender is under the age of 18 and is participating in Stalking, Sexual Oriented Offenses, Domestic Violence or Dating Violence.

As always, if you are in immediate danger please contact 9-1-1.

As much as possible, our office is working to conduct business as normal, but with the ever-changing details emerging regarding COVID-19, we ask you to check our Facebook page and website for updates. We are working with the County and the Delaware General Health District to navigate future decisions regarding our business operations.