

### **3/27/20 TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT RESTRICTS OPERATIONS THROUGH MAY 4, 2020**

Toledo Municipal Court issued an order on Sunday, March 15 declaring a temporary judicial emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting Friday, March 20, 2020, Toledo Municipal Court limited hearings to only those cases where the defendant is in jail. All other cases will be scheduled after **May 4, 2020**. This extends the prior date of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Toledo Municipal Court will do all things necessary to ensure the continued orderly and efficient administration of justice during this ongoing health emergency. On any individual case, a prosecutor, defendant, defense counsel or alleged victim may petition the Court electronically to have a hearing go forward regardless of whether the defendant is currently in jail. Forms are available at <http://tmc.toledomunicipalcourt.org/> and may be filed by fax or email.

Victims and witnesses may receive subpoenas and be required to report to the Court for trials where the defendant is being held in custody, or if the Court grants an exception to the general closure. Victims and witnesses with questions should contact the City or County Prosecutor's Office. Individuals with questions about felony cases should contact the Lucas County Prosecutors Office at (419) 213-4700 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All other victims and witnesses with questions should contact the City of Toledo Prosecutor's Office at (419) 245-1975 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Victims who desire to go forward with motions for temporary protection orders should appear or contact the Prosecutor's Office. **Victims who wish to have their cases heard despite the emergency closure must contact the proper Prosecutor's Office or their case will be continued until after the temporary judicial emergency.**

Entry to the building on these matters is limited to the defendant, attorney, victim and subpoenaed witnesses or by appointment.