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## SOLAR ECLIPSE - APRIL 8, 2024 - COURT PRESS RELEASE

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In preparation for the total solar eclipse, which will take place on April 8, all divisions of the Common Pleas Courts, Cleveland Municipal Court, and the Court of Appeals have been in communication with County Administration and our stakeholders. Though Cuyahoga County plans to close their buildings and administrative offices for the day, the Court of Common Pleas, General Division, and City of Cleveland Municipal Court, will remain open in order to conduct arraignments for those individuals in jail and to accept any emergency matters that will be filed. The remainder of the Courts' operations will be limited.

The Probate Court, Domestic Relations Court, and Juvenile Court (with the exception of the Detention Center) and the Court of Appeals will close for the day. Any filing deadline which expires on April 8 will be extended to April 9.

The Courts exist to serve the individuals in our community, and therefore make every attempt to not interrupt operations. However, in light of the unique nature of this historic event, to assist our County in redirecting needed resources, and to ensure the safe travels of our staff, the decision has been made to limit our operations to those that impact the liberty of individuals being held in jail and the safety of our community.