
STANDING ORDER REGARDING PARENT-CHILD VISITATION IN COMAL AND HAYS COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION CASES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

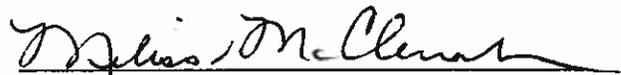
THE COURT FINDS THAT THERE IS A VALID HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN, DUE TO COVID-19, FOR IN-PERSON/PHYSICAL VISITATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO CONTINUE AS PREVIOUSLY ORDERED.

ALL IN-PERSON/PHYSICAL VISITATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE HEREBY SUSPENDED.

WHILE THE "STATE OF DISASTER" IS IN EFFECT, VISITATION BETWEEN CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS SHALL OCCUR VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS. "ELECTRONIC MEANS" SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: FACETIME, SKYPE, AND/OR TELEPHONE CONTACT. THIS CONTACT SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY THE CHILD(REN)'S PLACEMENT IF THE PARENT(S)' IN-PERSON/PHYSICAL VISITATION WAS PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED TO BE SUPERVISED.

THIS ORDER IS INTENDED TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL COMAL AND HAYS COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION CASES BEING HEARD IN CHILD PROTECTION COURT OF CENTRAL TEXAS – COMAL AND HAYS COUNTY. IT IS FURTHER INTENDED TO TAKE EFFECT BEGINNING MARCH 20, 2020 AND REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE "STATE OF DISASTER" ISSUED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNOR IS LIFTED OR EXPIRES, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

SIGNED this 26th day of March, 2020


MELISSA MCCLENAHAN
ASSOCIATE JUDGE PRESIDING