

STANDING ORDER

**ALL PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO
TITLE E, SUBTITLE 5,
TEXAS FAMILY CODE**

**IN THE 20th DISTRICT COURT
Of
MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS**

EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING VISITATION IN CPS CASES

This order supersedes the prior Emergency Order Regarding Visitation in CPS Cases filed on July 21, 2020. All previously ordered parent-child visitations and sibling visitations that were to be conducted in-person shall remain SUSPENDED.


The Department of Family and Protective Services (“DFPS”) is ORDERED to make arrangements for conducting parent-child and sibling visits via telephone or videoconference. In the event that all parties to a case agree that the risk of transmitting COVID-19 during an in-person parent-child or sibling visit is less than the negative emotional effects on the child for not having in-person contact, then they may agree to resume the previously-ordered in-person visitation without needing further court order. The Court will hear motions regarding visitation on a case by case basis as requested if there is no agreement.

All DFPS employees shall follow the guidance from their respective agencies regarding conducting their visits in-person or virtually. Each attorney ad litem shall use his or her judgment in determining whether in-person visits with the child can be done safely.

This Emergency Order shall also apply to all children in relative or fictive kin placements.

This Emergency Order expires on August 21, 2020 unless extended by further order.

SIGNED AND ENTERED on July 22, 2020.



Judge John Youngblood
20th District Court
Milam County