



**ROCKWALL COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW  
EMERGENCY STANDING ORDER REGARDING  
POSSESSION SCHEDULE DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE**

This Order is a standing order of the Rockwall County District Court and County Court at Law #1 that applies in every suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed in Rockwall County. This includes any pending divorce case with children. Hereinafter "child" refers to a child or children the subject of a court order. **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

For purposes of determining a person's right to possession and access to a child under a court-ordered possession schedule the original published school schedule shall control in all instances. Possession and access shall not be affected by the school's closure that arises from an epidemic or pandemic, including but not limited to, what is commonly referred to as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Example A: If a person had possession of the child for Spring Break, but the school has cancelled classes for the week following Spring Break, that person is NOT entitled to possession of the child. That person MUST return the child as if school had resumed following the Spring Break vacation as set out in the original published school schedule.

Example B: If a person has the right to possession of the child on a weekday during the regular school term, that person is still entitled to that possession while the school is closed, until the regular school term ends, based on the original published school schedule.

Example C: In the event closures of school continue through summer, the parties shall follow the original published school schedule for the purposes of selecting and exercising their Extended Summer Possession

**WARNING TO PARTIES: FAILURE TO OBEY A COURT ORDER FOR POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CHILD MAY RESULT IN FURTHER LITIGATION TO ENFORCE THE ORDER, INCLUDING CONTEMPT OF COURT. A FINDING OF CONTEMPT MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION, AND A MONEY JUDGMENT FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS.**

SIGNED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**Brett Hall**, District Judge  
382<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

**David E. Rakow**, District Judge  
439<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

**J. Brian Williams**, Judge  
Rockwall County Court at Law