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## Standing Order Governing Possession and Access During the Shelter in Place Order of Kaufman County Judge Signed March 24, 2020

For all cases arising from the Family Law Courts of Kaufman County, the Court ORDERS that:

- 1. Governor Abbott previously declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. On March 24, 2020 Kaufman County Judge issued a "Shelter in Place" Order. Hereinafter this order shall be referred to as the "Kaufman County Shelter in Place Order."
- 3. This order applies to all possession orders in Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship in the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court, 422<sup>nd</sup> District Court, County Court at Law, and County Court at Law #2. For purposes of the Kaufman County Shelter in Place Order, exchanges relating to the possession and access of children are considered Essential Activities and shall continue as set out in this Court's current orders. Parties shall follow the provisions of their orders unless specifically modified by further order of the Court.
- 4. Subject to any applicable restrictions set forth in any municipal, county, or state emergency order, a person's right to possession and access shall continue pursuant to the terms of their current court order.
- 5. If a person has been diagnosed with, or has reason to believe they have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, that person shall communicate with the other parent or conservator(s) to discuss any actions necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the child(ren).
- 6. Subject to the restrictions set forth in any municipal, county, or state emergency order, nothing herein prevents parties from altering a possession scheduled by agreement, if allowed by their court order(s).
- 7. Absent further order of the Court, this Order is effective as of March 24, 2020, and expires upon the termination of the Kaufman County Shelter in Place Order.

SIGNED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Judge Blair 86<sup>th</sup> District Court

Judge Gray County Court at Law

Judge Chitty 422<sup>nd</sup> District Court

Judge Rich County Court at Law #2