

**SPECIAL STANDING ORDERS REGARDING COVID-19 AND CHILD PROTECTION  
CASES IN THE CHILD PROTECTION COURT OF THE CONCHO VALLEY**

Pursuant and subject to the provisions of the First Emergency Order Regarding The COVID-19 State Of Disaster issued on March 13, 2020 by the Supreme Court Of Texas and the Court Of Criminal Appeals of Texas and pursuant to and subject to the provisions of the Third Emergency Order Regarding The COVID-19 State Of Disaster issued by the Supreme Court Of Texas and the Court Of Criminal Appeals of Texas on March 19, 2020 (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Emergency Orders"), the Child Protection Court of the Concho Valley (the "Court") issues the following orders in connection with any pending or future cases filed with the Court:

**IT IS ORDERED** that statutory deadlines for holding of adversary hearings, non-emergency removal hearings, status hearings, permanency hearings before final order, permanency hearings after final order shall be modified, extended or suspended as set forth in orders issued by the Court in each case and that the re-set of an adversary hearing, non-emergency removal hearing, status hearing, permanency hearing before final order, or permanency hearing after final order outside of the statutory time frame for holding the hearing shall be deemed pursuant to this Order and shall extend any existing emergency or temporary orders except as otherwise specifically provided in the orders issued in each case.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Court may, in addition to any extension that may otherwise be granted by the Court pursuant to Sections 263.401 and 263.403, Texas Family Code, retain a suit on the Court's docket, extend the Court's jurisdiction over the case and retain the Department as temporary managing conservator of any children the subject of the suit beyond the time period set in Section 263.401(a), Texas Family Code, by issuance of a separate order which may extend the dismissal date to 30 days after the Texas Governor's state of disaster has been lifted as provided in the Emergency Orders.

**IT IS ORDERED** that parties, Attorney Ad Litem for respondent parents and children, and Court Appointed Special Advocates and Guardian Ad Litem for children, may, in lieu of appearing in person or otherwise participating in a hearing, file with the Court agreed orders or sworn statements of position or sworn reports prior to or the day of a hearing and such agreed orders, sworn statements or sworn reports may serve in lieu of the parties' Attorney Ad Litem's, Court Appointed Special Advocate's or Guardian Ad Litem's appearance at the hearing.

**IT IS ORDERED** that parties, attorneys and other participants in the case who wish to participate in a hearing by teleconferencing, videoconferencing or other means shall make a request to so appear by contacting the Court's Court Administrator at **(325) 659-6577** no later than **72 hours in advance of the hearing** and the Court will consider such requests to the extent reasonable and logistically possible.

**IT IS ORDERED** that, prior to coming to the courthouse for a hearing or trial, parties, attorneys and other participants in the case are required to inform the Court by contacting the Court's Court Administrator at **(325) 659-6577** if any party, attorney or other participant has, or knows of another party, attorney or other participant, who has any of the following conditions:

- COVID-19 symptoms;
- Flu-like symptoms;

Fever;  
Cough;  
Sneezing; or

They have traveled to any country listed by the Centers For Disease Control Travel Health Notices as Warning Level 2 or 3.

**IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to the Emergency Orders, the Court may consider sworn statements made out of court or sworn testimony provided remotely by teleconferencing, videoconferencing or other means.

**IT IS ORDERED** that these orders are effective immediately and shall continue, unless modified by subsequent order of the Court, until 30 days after the Texas Governor's state of disaster has been lifted pursuant to the Emergency Orders.

SIGNED: March 19, 2020



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GARY L. BANKS, ASSOCIATE JUDGE, CHILD  
PROTECTION COURT OF THE CONCHO VALLEY

**FILED**

The 26 Day of March.  
2020 at 2:12 o'clock P M  
Little B. Spall  
District Clerk Concho Co. TX.  
By \_\_\_\_\_