

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

MAR 16 2020

M. L. Allen
CLERK JUVENILE COURT

INTERIM ORDER REGARDING COURT-ORDERED PARENTING TIME/
VISITATION IN ALL DEPENDENCY CASES

The health, safety, and well-being of our children and families is paramount in any decision regarding visitation. Children and parents need to have contact with each other, particularly in these stressful times.

However, during this period of heightened precautions due to COVID-19, the Court is modifying all orders regarding parenting time/visitation in dependency cases, as follows:

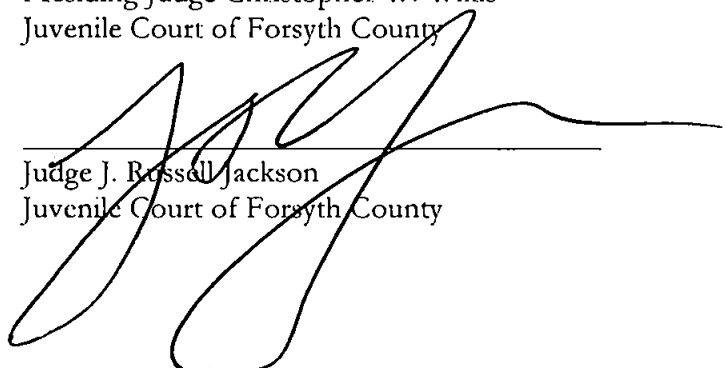
- The Court is requiring that separated families maintain regular contact with each other.
- The Court is not requiring in-person, face to face, visitation between parents and children when such visits could compromise the health and safety of the family members, supervisors or service providers facilitating the visits. However, any in-person, face to face visits that can occur safely, are *encouraged to continue as ordered*.
- When necessary, DFCS shall work with parents and foster families to facilitate contact by video and telephone calls. (Example: FaceTime, Skype, Google HangOut, Facebook video chat, and other apps.)
The Court encourages frequent video calls as a preferred substitute for in-person visits if in-person visits cannot occur. (Example: Instead of visitation twice weekly, three to four video calls for ten to fifteen minutes each call.)
- DFCS and custodians may expand contact and visitation beyond what the Court has previously ordered, consistent with the health, safety, and well-being of the children and families.

This order shall be in effect Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday, April 13, 2020 and may be extended if the Court deems necessary.

So ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020.



Presiding Judge Christopher W. Willis
Juvenile Court of Forsyth County



Judge J. Russell Jackson
Juvenile Court of Forsyth County

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