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*A. J. Cole*  
CLERK JUVENILE COURT

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**REGARDING SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA ORDERED STATEWIDE JUDICIAL  
EMERGENCY**

The following requests and directions are provided to do our best to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the families, attorneys and court personnel during this Statewide Judicial Emergency.

The Juvenile Court of Forsyth County remains open to the public as required by law. However, during this period of heightened precautions due to COVID-19, the Court is requesting the following:

- That if someone is ill, that they not come to the Court but contact their attorney or the Court to request to be excused or for a continuance.
- That parties and attorneys only bring essential persons, such as witnesses, to court for proceedings and help limit the number of people attending the proceedings.

The Court deems the following matters to be essential functions and these matters will proceed as scheduled unless otherwise agreed to by the parties and determined by the Court that a continuance is not detrimental to the welfare and best interest of the subject child(ren):

- DEPENDENCY:  
Preliminary Protective Hearings  
Adjudication Hearings (case-by-case basis)  
Permanency Hearings (case-by-case basis)  
Termination of Parental Rights Trials (case-by-case basis)
- DELINQUENCY and CHINS  
Detention Hearings  
Revocation of Probation or Secure Probation Sanction Hearings

All other categories of hearings, including but not limited to, Adjudication, Disposition, Permanency, Termination of Parental Rights and Judicial Reviews may remain scheduled or be reset on a case-by-case basis. If an attorney or party wishes to have a matter heard that is an emergency, they can file a Motion with the Court and that Motion will be considered.

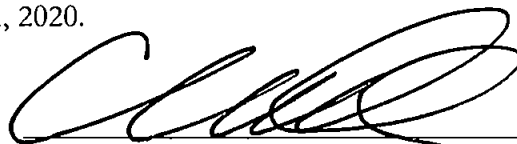
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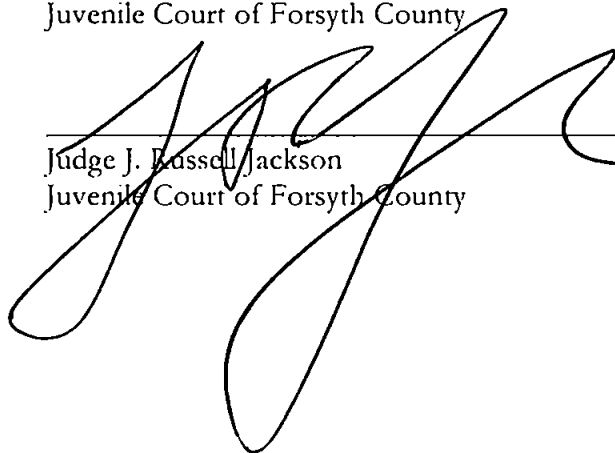
The judges of this Court have the discretion to continue, reset or otherwise reschedule any of these matters as is deemed appropriate. In addition, the judges have the discretion to require the hearing of a matter that is not on this above list.

**This order shall be in effect Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday, April 13, 2020 and may be extended if the Statewide Judicial Emergency is extended.**

SO ORDERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



Presiding Judge Christopher W. Willis  
Juvenile Court of Forsyth County



Judge J. Russell Jackson  
Juvenile Court of Forsyth County