


STANDING ORDER REGARDING VISITATION
IN ALL CHILD PROTECTION CASES
IN ATASCOSA, FRIO, KARNES, LASALLE, AND WILSON COUNTIES

STANDING ORDER § REGARDING PARENT-CHILD
§ AND
§ SIBLING VISITATION

- §1. Whereas, effective June 1, 2020, the Court's Standing Order prohibiting all in-person visitations shall expire. Effective today, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall be permitted to resume in-person visitations, subject to the parameters of Sections 2, 3, & 4 herein.
- §2. For all in-person visitations, all parties are ordered to fully comply with the COVID-19 visitation protocol promulgated by the Department of Family and Protective Services and any/all contracted providers facilitating visitation including but not limited to proper hygiene, face-masks or other Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), and social distancing. Individuals refusing to comply with said protocols may be denied in-person visitation.
- §3. In visitations involving children or other individuals vulnerable to COVID-19 (defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as those over age 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy), remote visitation may continue as necessary on a case-by-case basis, and the duration and/or frequency of said remote visitation, whichever is more appropriate, may be increased without the need for further orders.
- §4. Individuals feeling feverish or with measured temperatures equal to or greater than 100.0°F, or with new or worsening signs or symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or having known close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19 are ordered not to visit in-person, and to visit remotely until all said symptoms have ceased for at least fourteen (14) days.

Signed this 1st Day of June, 2020.



Melissa DeGerolami
ASSOCIATE JUDGE