

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

JUVENILE DIVISION

IN RE: :
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER :
CONCERNING CRAWFORD COUNTY : No. AD 3 - 2020
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY ORDERS :
RELATIVE TO COVID-19 MATTERS :

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AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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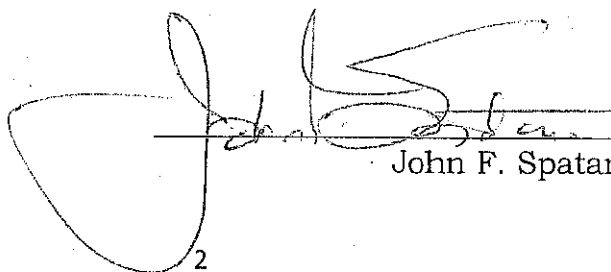
AND NOW, **December 16, 2020**, pursuant to this Court's Declaration of Judicial Emergency, as extended indefinitely, *see* Case No. 27 WM 2020, the Court ORDERS, DIRECTS, and DECREES that the Administrative Order of May 29, 2020, be amended to provide as follows, effective immediately, and until further order of the Court:

The following restrictions and limitations shall apply to all parental or other forms of visitation involving dependent children and/or children who are subject to shelter care orders, whether such visitation is supervised or unsupervised:

1. Telecommunication visitation will be substituted for in-person visitation if any party to the ordered visitation resides in any county, district, municipality, or other area designated as a COVID-19 red zone, or for which a stay-at-home order has been issued;
2. Telecommunication visitation will be substituted for in-person visitation if any party to the ordered visitation exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, or has been directed to quarantine or been exposed within seven days to an individual with COVID-19;

3. All visitation shall be subject to any and all governmental travel restrictions due to COVID-19;
4. Visitation and service provisions shall be subject to and implemented in accordance with the COVID-19 policies and procedures of each individual service provider's respective agency and office;
5. Visitation ordered to occur with an incarcerated parent shall be subject to and implemented in accordance with the COVID-19 policies and procedures of the incarceration facility;
6. Staff from the Crawford County Office of Children and Youth Service (CYS) conducting home visits shall utilize their discretion in determining whether to substitute telecommunication for in-person visitation in order to protect the participants from the spread of COVID-19;
7. If any party to a CYS-supervised visitation declines to wear a mask, then telecommunication shall be substituted for in-person visitation;
8. For all other visitation, CYS shall, under the guidance and with input from the *guardian ad litem* (GAL) assigned to the case, if then available for consultation, exercise its discretion in determining whether to substitute telecommunication for in-person visitation, and if the latter is prohibited, shall, in addition to keeping the GAL informed, promptly notify the parents and parents' counsel by first class mail at their last known address; and
9. A CYS decision to substitute telecommunication for in-person visitation may be contested in a proceeding before the Judicial Hearing Officer, whose recommendation to the Court (which shall be promptly distributed to the participants in writing) may be appealed to the President Judge within ten days of its submission to him.

BY THE COURT,



John F. Spataro, P.J.

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