

**IN RE: FAMILY COURT MODIFICATION : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
: OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
: FAMILY COURT
: EMERGENCY JUDICIAL ORDER
:
: NO. 20-3264**

ORDER

AND NOW, this 31 day of August, 2020, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Cessation Of Statewide Judicial Emergency Order dated May 27, 2020, the Berks County Supplemental Emergency Order for June 2020, and the emergency powers authorized by PA Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

The Emergency Judicial Orders for Family Court dated June 4, 2020 and July 30, 2020 are **MODIFIED** as follows:


- 1) Beginning September 1, 2020, the Domestic Relations Section (DRS) Docketing Unit shall be open from 8AM to 5PM for *in-person* filing of documents and payments. Payments shall be made by 4:30PM for processing. In addition to in-person filing, complaints, petitions and other legal papers may also be filed electronically by e-Services or by US mail.
- 2) Effective September 1, 2020, the filing date shall be the date the legal paper is received in Docketing, whether by in person mailing or by mail, or the date of successful electronic submission if filed *via* e-Services. The U.S. postmark date shall no longer be deemed the effective date of filing. Complaints, petitions or motions submitted *via* e-mail or fax shall not be accepted.
- 3) Parties and counsel may consult the DRS webpage for acceptable filing and submission methods for other legal papers:

<https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Courts/DRS/Pages/default.aspx>
- 4) All DRS establishment, intergovernmental and contempt conferences and hearings before a Support Hearing Officer shall continue to be conducted remotely, *via* teleconference initiated by the DRS or Support Hearing Officer, unless a party is specifically directed in the order to appear in person. Parties shall follow the instructions contained in the order scheduling the conference or hearing and the Addendum attached to the order. Additional information may


be obtained on the DRS webpage, or by emailing support.berks@pacses.com, or by calling the DRS Client Services Unit at 610-478-2900.

To the extent not inconsistent with the above, all other provisions of the Emergency Judicial Orders for Family Court dated June 4, 2020 and July 30, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

BY THE COURT:



Scott E. Lash,
Administrative Judge, Family Court



Thomas G. Parisi,
President Judge

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