

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING PARENT-CHILD VISITATION AND
OTHER FACE TO FACE VISITS IN ALL CHILD PROTECTION CASES
IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR HASKELL, KENT,
STONEWALL AND THROCKMORTON COUNTIES**

WHEREAS there continues to be a number of presumptive positive COVID-19 cases reported by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and as Texas Governor Abbott along with the DSHS Commissioner have declared a public health disaster and have closed schools statewide, the 39th Judicial District Court finds that the following Orders are in the best interest of the children currently in the Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services under the jurisdiction of the 39th Judicial District Court.

1. All previously ordered parent-child visitations, sibling visitations, AAL and/or GAL visits, and DFPS visits scheduled to take place between May 3, 2020 and June 1, 2020 are HEREBY ORDERED SUSPENDED in an effort to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect all parties. If there are cases where DFPS feels that there are extraordinary circumstances which require that a face to face visit occur, they may use their discretion in doing so, with notification to the court.
2. The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), AALs and GALs are HEREBY ORDERED to make arrangements for telephonic, Skype, or Facetime communications in place of in-person visitation between May 3, 2020 and June 1, 2020.
3. This ORDER shall apply to children who are in relative or fictive kin placements, as well as those in foster placements.

Signed this 29th day of April, 2020.

/s/ SHANE HADAWAY
Judge Presiding

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