

SHANE HADAWAY, 39<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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## ORDER OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COURT SETTINGS <u>APRIL 20, 2020</u>

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Orders from the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas, Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal of Appeals of Texas, guidance from the Office of Court Administration and Orders from Haskell, Kent, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties, the 39<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court (hereinafter "Court") makes the following Orders in connection with current Court settings.

IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT that until <u>JUNE 1, 2020</u> the Court will not conduct in-person hearings for any matters in the Court, except for extraordinary circumstances for essential matters. Essential matters include, but are not limited to DFPS removal hearings and adversary hearings, temporary restraining orders, temporary injunctions and family violence protective orders.

IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT that for any hearing on an essential matter, the Court will make every effort to conduct the hearing electronically. If an in-person hearing is requested, the Court will determine on a case by case basis if an in-person hearing will be allowed. If an in-person hearing is allowed for an essential hearing, strict procedures will be in place to limit the exposure and the potential spread of COVID-19.

IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT that for any hearing held electronically each attorney/party will be informed hy the Court by letter of the procedures for an electronic hearing prior to the hearing date.

IT IS ORDERED BY THE COURT that this Order of the 39<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Concerning Court Settings shall be in effect until <u>JUNE 1, 2020</u> or until further Order of the Court.

/s/ Shane Hadaway District Judge 39<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

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