

IN THE JUVENILE COURTS OF CHATTAHOOCHEE, HARRIS, MARION, MUSCOGEE,  
TALBOT AND TAYLOR COUNTIES  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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HARRIS COUNTY, GA

**INTERIM ORDER REGARDING COURT-ORDERED VISITATION**  
**IN ALL DEPENDENCY CASES**

The health, safety, and well-being of our children and families is paramount in any decision regarding visitation. Children and parents need to have contact with each other, particularly in these stressful times.

However, during this period of heightened precautions due to COVID-19, the Court is modifying all orders regarding visitation in dependency cases, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

1.

In lieu of “face-to-face” personal visitation, DFCS may utilize Skype, Face Time, Zoom, or similar applications to facilitate virtual “face to face” visitation as previously court ordered. DFCS shall work with parents and foster placements to facilitate regular contact by virtual visitation when possible.

2.

The Court recognizes that extended and unsupervised visitation may not be possible given the heightened precautions. Therefore, the Court encourages frequent virtual “face-to-face” visitation by video and telephone calls.

3.

Additionally, DFCS and custodians may allow more frequent virtual visitation than the Court has previously ordered, consistent with the health, safety, and well-being of the children and families.

4.


In those cases where supervised visitation is required, DFCS may utilize visitation via conference virtual visitation that includes a supervisor approved by DFCS.

5.

In the event regular virtual visitation is not possible to implement at a placement, increased telephone visitation may be substituted.

This order shall be in effect Monday, March 16, 2020, until April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. unless rescinded or further modified by the Court.

So ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020.

  
Warner L. Kennon, Presiding Judge  
Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit