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**ADDITIONAL CPS EX PARTE ORDERS IN CONSIDERATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY**

1. On March 13, 2020, The Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued a joint First Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster that **ORDERED** in part:
  - a. **Texas Courts to modify or suspend any and all deadlines for a state period no later than 30 days after the Governor's state of disaster has been lifted;**
  - b. **Take any other reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19;**
  - c. **Extend the statute of limitations in any case for a state period ending no later than 30 days after the Governor's state of disaster has been lifted.**

**As such, the 304<sup>th</sup> District Court makes the following additional orders in the above numbered cause for the safety and protection of the children and to help protect, preserve, and restore the parent child relationship and to mitigate the dangers to the children:**

**IT IS THEFORE ADDITIONALLY ORDERED:**

1. **In the interim between the emergency removal of the children and the adversarial hearing, the parents should be afforded as much electronic, video, and phone contact with their children as possible.**
2. **The Department is ORDERED to ensure that all Foster/Kinship placements comply with this Court's Order regarding visitation.**
3. **During the health crisis, the Attorneys and CASA are to meet with their client's as often as possible, taking into consideration the guidelines set forth in the various disaster declarations, the Supreme Court/Court of Appeals Orders and this Court's orders. Frequent phone, electronic, and video communications are encouraged.**

4. To address the issues that lead to the Court finding there is an emergency, the Court orders that the Mother and Father begin working the following services to mitigate abuse and/or neglect: PARENTING CLASSES PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING ~~DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING~~ ~~DRUG~~ DRUG/ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT RANDOM DRUG TESTING WITHIN 24 HOURS OF REQUEST FOLLOW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SERVICE PROVIDERS

5. To address the issues that lead to the Court finding there is an emergency, the Court orders that the Mother and Father begin working the following additional services to mitigate abuse and/or neglect. ~~PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION SIGN A MEDICAL RELEASE REMAIN MEDICATION COMPLIANT FOLLOW ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SERVICE PROVIDERS~~ AL

6. The Department is ORDERED to regularly and more frequently staff this case to determine when/and whether the emergency has been mitigated and to determine if in home services should be offered with a return of the children.

7. If the Department determines that a return warranted, the Mother and Father are ORDERED to continue to comply with this order, including but not limited to completing all services ordered and recommendations.

Signed on

3/20/20

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Andrea Martin,  
304<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge