

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING PARENT-CHILD VISITATION AND  
OTHER FACE TO FACE VISITS IN ALL CHILD PROTECTION CASES  
FOR COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS**

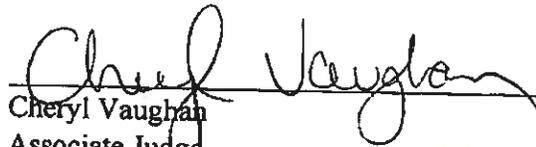
WHEREAS there continues to be a rising number of presumptive positive COVID-19 cases reported by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and as Texas Governor Abbott along with the DSHS Commissioner have declared a public health disaster that prohibits social gatherings of more than 10 people, and have closed schools statewide, the 235<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and the 8<sup>TH</sup> Region North Child Protection Court find that the following orders are in the best interest of the children currently in the Temporary or Permanent Managing Conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services of Cooke County.

1. All previously ordered parent-child visitations, sibling visitations, AAL and/or GAL visits, and DFPS visits scheduled to take place between March 24, 2020 and May 3, 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 March 24, 2020 and May 3, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



Janell M. Haverkamp  
District Judge  
235<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court



Cheryl Vaughan  
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8<sup>th</sup> Region North CPC



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