

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING PARENTING/VISITATION SCHEDULES DURING
THE COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES**

This order applies in every Juvenile Court suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed in the Juvenile Court for the City of Bristol, Tennessee, where a parenting plan/visitation schedule has been entered. Hereinafter, "child" refers to a child or children who are the subject of a court order.

IT IS ORDERED:


For purposes of determining a person's right to parenting/visitation time/days with a child under a court-ordered parenting plan or court ordered visitation plan, the original published 2019/2020 school schedule/calendar for the school system that the child attends shall control in all instances when the school's schedule/calendar is the determinative factor of when parenting/visitation time is to occur. The following are the only exceptions to this rule:

1. If either parent's state, county, or city is under a government **mandated** (not recommended) shelter at home or quarantine order and the child is with that parent at the time lockdown goes into effect, then exchanges will be suspended through the end of the government-mandated shelter at home or quarantine order.
2. If the child, parent, an in-home sibling or family member is diagnosed with COVID-19 while the child is in the home, the parenting exchange shall be suspended for 14 days following the diagnosis upon presentation to the other parent of a doctor's note confirming the diagnosis or a quarantine order.
3. If someone residing in the home of the parent who is entitled to receive the child at the next exchange is diagnosed with COVID-19 or the residents of the home are subject to a medical or government ordered quarantine or shelter at home order before parenting time is scheduled to begin, the parenting/visitation time shall be suspended for 14 days following a diagnosis.
4. No child under this court's jurisdiction shall be taken more than 30 minutes from the city limits of Bristol, Tennessee, unless in DCS Custody.

Warning to all parties: failure to obey a court order for visitation of or access to a child may result in further litigation to enforce the order, including contempt of court, a finding of criminal contempt may be punishable by confinement in jail for up to 10 days, a fine of up to \$50.00 for each violation, and a monetary judgment for payment of attorney's fees and court costs may be imposed upon a finding of civil contempt.

This Order expires on May 15, 2020, unless further extended by further order of this Court.

Ordered this 2nd day of April, 2020.



Hon. Randy M. Kennedy, Juvenile Judge