

Juvenile Court of Jefferson Parish

Parish of Jefferson

State of Louisiana

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article, Section 1; pursuant to LSA R.S. §1:55; due to the COVID-19 emergency as detailed in Governor John Bel Edwards' Declaration of Public Health Emergency (Executive Department Proclamation No. JBE 2020-25, JBE 2020-27, and JBE 2020-33) and Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee-Sheng's Declaration of a State of Emergency (Proclamation No. 01 CLS 2020; Jefferson Parish CB 3434 Page 979), and in accordance with the inherent powers of this court, Chief Judge Barron C. Burmaster, acting on behalf of the Judges of the Juvenile Court,

HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

The Jefferson Parish Juvenile Courthouse is closed to the public. Filings shall be submitted by e-filing or fax filing. See www.jpclerkofcourt.us for further information.

Only emergency hearings shall be heard in this court from this date forward until April 13, 2020. Emergency hearings are defined as those related to Child In Need of Care (CINC) proceedings, emergency child custody matters including 72 hour continued custody hearings resulting from an arrest or for children removed from their home by emergency court order, proceedings related to emergency interdictions and mental health orders, matters of public health related to this crisis and other emergency matters necessary to protect the health, safety, and liberty of individuals as determined by this court.

Emergency proceedings shall be conducted by telephone or video conference only.

This order expressly does not prohibit any court proceedings by telephone, video conference, teleconferencing, or any other means that do not involve in-person contact. This order does not affect the court's consideration of matters that can be resolved without in-person proceedings.

This order supplements previous orders; portions of previous orders not in conflict with this order remain in effect. Adjustments to this order, if necessary, will be posted on the Court's website, (www.jpjc.org), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (www.lasc.org) and in the news media.

Harvey, Louisiana this 24th day of March, 2020.

For the Juvenile Court of Jefferson Parish



Barron C. Burmaster
Chief Judge