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235TH DISTRICT COURT
TEMPORARY GUIDELINES REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

Pursuant to new Emergency Orders issued by the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas the following guidelines are effective immediately until **MAY 8, 2020**.

1. Non-Essential Court Matters are Rescheduled

Unless a case is designated below as an Essential Court Matter, all in-person hearings and trials will be rescheduled during the time this Order is in effect. Essential Court Matters will proceed, likely by remote appearance. You must contact the court if you have a setting during this time period.

2. Essential Court Matters in the 235th District Court Defined

- (a) CPS removal hearings
- (b) Temporary restraining orders/temporary injunctions the Court deems are of an urgent nature
The Court is drafting Standing Orders Regarding Children, Property and Conduct of Parties for use in Divorce and SAPCR Cases.
- (c) Family violence protective orders
- (d) Criminal pleas – In order to reduce our local jail population, only criminal pleas which result in defendants getting out of our jail (i.e., probation, time served, state jail time, institutional division time) will go forward.
- (e) Any other matters that may be designated by the court at its discretion.

If you wish to inquire whether a proceeding is an essential function, please feel free to email.

3. Jury Trials, Arraignments and Pretrial Dockets

There will be no Jury Trials, no Arraignments and no Pretrial dockets during the time this Order is in effect.

4. **Uncontested Matters / Agreed Orders**

No uncontested matters will be heard. Agreed Divorces signed off by all parties and attorneys can be heard by submission and electronically filed. Agreed Orders signed by all parties and attorneys in SAPCR Modification cases may be submitted to the Court for approval.

5. **Electronic Appearances**

The OCA and the Courts are developing a plan for electronic video appearances through Zoom.us. – Contact the Court for further information.

6. **Contact the Courts**

If you have any questions, please email the Court Coordinator: tess.payeur@co.cooke.tx.us

SIGNED on 3/20/2020


Janelle M. Haverkamp
235th District Judge