

**IN THE CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT COURTS OF TENNESSEE
TWENTY-NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
AND
THE JUVENILE COURTS OF DYER COUNTY AND LAKE COUNTY**

ORDER REGARDING PARENTING SCHEDULES DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES

This order applies in every suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed in any court sitting in the 29th Judicial District 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 THAT:**

For purposes of determining a person’s right to visitation/physical custody of a child under a court-ordered parenting plan/visitation schedule, the original published 2019/2020 school schedule/calendar for the school system which the child attends shall control in all instances when the school’s schedule/calendar is the determinative factor of when visitation/custody is to occur. Except for the mutual agreements of the parties, the following are the only exceptions to this rule:

1. If either parent’s state, county or city is under a government-mandated lockdown and the child is with that parent at the time lockdown goes into effect, then exchanges will be suspended through the end of the lockdown.
2. If the child or anyone residing in the home of a parent is diagnosed with COVID-19 while the child is in the home, visitation shall be suspended for 14 days following the diagnosis upon presentation to the other parent of a doctor’s note confirming the diagnosis.
3. If anyone residing in the home of the parent who is entitled to exercise visitation is diagnosed with COVID-19 before visitation is scheduled to begin, the visitation shall be suspended for 14 days following such diagnosis.

Unless extended or vacated in a subsequent order, this order expires on May 30, 2020.


Tony A. Childress
Presiding Judge 29th Judicial District


Jason Hudson
Dyer County Juvenile Court Judge


Lee Moore
Circuit Court Judge 29th Judicial District


Drew Cook
Lake County Juvenile Court Judge