

IN RE: : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER : OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CONCERNING BERKS COUNTY : JUVENILE DIVISION
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY ORDERS :
RELATIVE TO COVID-19 MATTERS : A.D. NO. _____ OF 2020
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER


AND NOW, to wit, this 17th of March, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that due to public health advisories to reduce exposure to novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19:”) and slow the spread of the disease, visitation for and contact with adjudicated youth will be modified and/or temporarily suspended.

All visitation and/or contact by Order and/or Pennsylvania Code Sections 3130.68 and 3490.235 between an adjudicated youth in placement and their parent, guardian, sibling or prospective placement resource; Guardian *ad Litem*s; and Berks County Office of Children and Youth staff shall be done by a method of telecommuting if possible and if age appropriate. Telecommuting shall include video conference, telephone calls, including more frequent telephone contacts, and any other means of video or audio communication to effectuate meaningful and appropriate visitation and/or contact. If telecommuting is not possible and/or not age appropriate, then visitation and/or contact shall be temporarily suspended.


FURTHER, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that the Berks County Office of Children and Youth shall make any and all reasonable efforts to assist families pending the evolving public health advisories concerning COVID-19 to carry out telecommuting visitation.

FURTHER, this Order shall remain in effect until further Administrative Order of Court.

BY THE COURT:



Thomas G. Parisi, President Judge



Mary Ann Ullman,
Administrative Judge of Dependency Court

cc: Honorable Jeffrey Sprecher
Honorable J. Benjamin Nevius
Hearing Officers
Guardian *ad Litem*
Contracted Parent Attorneys
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