

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 and JBE 2020-27) 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:**

Due to the unprecedented pandemic as referenced in the above-captioned emergency declarations, and in accordance with the Juvenile Court of Jefferson Parish's Continuity of Operations Plan, the Juvenile Court adopts the following emergency plan, **which shall be effective from March 16, 2020 until April 13, 2020.**

Adoptions that are currently scheduled for final decrees will proceed as normal.

Delinquency cases (criminal matters) will be continued and reset except for Continued Custody hearings when a juvenile is taken into custody by order of this court or arrested by law enforcement.

Child in Need of Care (CINC) cases where an instanter order has been issued to remove a juvenile from their home requiring a Continued Custody hearing will be heard as normal. Other CINC hearings will be continued and reset.

Families in Need of Services (FINS) – Only cases brought by the District Attorney's Office will be heard, all other matters will be continued and reset.

Juvenile Traffic cases will be continued and reset.

Juvenile Drug Court cases will be continued and reset.

Child Support cases will be continued and reset.

Notwithstanding the foregoing guidelines, any emergency matter that may arise in any case type will be heard by this Court.

If the conditions indicate that the Court needs to modify the above policy, notice will be posted on the Court's website, (www.jpjc.org), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (www.lasc.org) and in the news media.

Gretna, Louisiana this 16th day of March, 2020.

For the Juvenile Court of Jefferson Parish



Barron C. Burmaster
Chief Judge