

**THE FAMILY COURT OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**

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Acting under the authority of Article V, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the continuing spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of public health emergencies in Proclamation Numbers 25 JBE 2020, 27 JBE 2020, 30 JBE 2020 and 33 JBE 2020, President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, the Orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to protect the constitutional rights and public safety of the citizens of the state by maintaining access to Louisiana courts, and in accordance with the inherent powers of this Court, the Chief Judge, acting on behalf of the Judges of the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

Effectively immediately, all court proceedings are hereby suspended and all dockets are hereby cancelled until Monday, April 13, 2020, except for emergency and time sensitive matters as listed below:

1. Domestic violence protective matters;
2. Emergency child custody matters; and
3. Other emergency matters necessary to protect the health, safety, and liberty of individuals as determined by the Court.

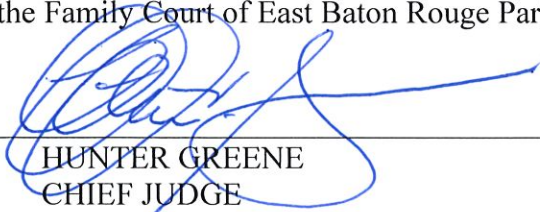
The Clerk of Court will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for emergency filings only. Duty hours will remain as set forth in the current local rules. All other pleadings shall be filed by alternative methods including e-file, facsimile or mail.

No one shall enter the courthouse building other than the named individuals and their attorney for the emergency matters listed above.

The Family Court remains open to handle its caseload. Nothing in this Order shall prevent any Family Court division from conducting any proceedings by telephone or video conferencing. If a matter was scheduled for hearing before April 13, 2020, all litigants or their attorney shall contact the division Judge's office for further assistance.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

For the Family Court of East Baton Rouge Parish

  
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HUNTER GREENE  
CHIEF JUDGE