## EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH JUVENILE COURT PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE STATE OF LOUISIANA

## ORDER

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, 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 Number JBE 2020-25, JBE 2020-27, JBE 2020-30, JBE-2020-33, JBE 2020-37, and JBE-2020-41, and Louisiana Supreme Court Orders (on March 16, 2020, March 20, 2020, March 23, 2020, and April 6, 2020) and in accordance with the inherent powers of this court, the Chief Judge, Adam J. Haney, acting on behalf of the Judges of the East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court,

## HEREBY ORDERS THAT:

The period of closure for the East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Courthouse is hereby extended until 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Only emergency hearings shall be heard in this court from this date forward until May 4, 2020. Emergency hearings are defined as those related to Child in Need of Care (CINC) proceedings; emergency child custody matters including 72 hour continued custody hearings resulting from an arrest or for children removed from their home by emergency court order; proceedings related to emergency interdictions and mental health orders; matters of public health related to this crisis and other emergency matters necessary to protect the health, safety, and liberty of individuals as determined by this court.

Emergency hearings shall be conducted by telephone or video conference only unless proceedings to address emergency matters cannot be resolved virtually.

This order expressly does not prohibit any court proceedings by telephone, video conference, teleconferencing, or any other means that do not involve in-person contact. This order does not affect the court's consideration of matters that can be resolved without in-person proceedings.

This order supplements previous orders; portions of previous orders not in conflict with this order remain in effect. Adjustments to this order, if necessary, will be posted on the Red Stick Ready website (<u>http://www.redstickready.com/caronavirus</u>), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (<u>www.lasc.org</u>), and in the news media.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

For the East Baton Rouge Parish Juvenile Court Adam J. Haney Chief Judge