

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

Re: ORDER CLARIFYING ALL PARENTING PLANS

On March 13, 2020, national and state emergencies were declared following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic. In response, on March 16, 2020, the Missouri Supreme Court issued an Order suspending all in-person proceedings, with few exceptions, in the Circuit Courts of Missouri. In addition, all Missouri school districts have temporarily suspended classes. The temporary school closure is scheduled to expire, with students returning to a regular school schedule on April 6, 2020. However, the various school officials have publically announced that, depending on the developing circumstances, the school closure(s) may be extended.

The Court has become aware that based on the unprecedented circumstances caused by the pandemic, there has developed some confusion, and perhaps misinterpretation of previous orders issued by this court related to child custody, child visitation and parenting plans. This order is intended to clarify all custody and visitation schedules in Parenting Plans and previous Court Orders.

For purposes of determining the custody or visitation schedule, the original published school schedule shall control in all instances. Custody and visitation shall not be affected by the school's closure that arises from an epidemic or pandemic, including what is currently referred to as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nothing in this Order prevents parties from establishing their own agreement to alter the ordered schedule or from petitioning the court for a modification of prior orders.

This Order is entered and adopted this 19th day of March, 2020 by all Judges of the 31st Judicial Circuit.

So Ordered: The Greene County Circuit Court en Banc.