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WRENCE COUNTY ENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: LAWRENCE COUNTY CHILDREN:

AND YOUTH SERVICES

VISITATION MODIFICATIONS:

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

NO. 90029

OF 2020, A.D.

## ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 17 day of March, 2020, in consideration of the attached Memorandum of John Bout, Director of Lawrence County Children and Youth Services, it is ORDERED and DECREED that, due to public health advisories to reduce exposure to COVID-19, all visitation by order and/or Pennsylvania Code §§3130.68 and 3490.235 between an adjudicated youth in placement and their parent, guardian, sibling or prospective placement resource; Guardian ad Litems, and; Lawrence County Children and Youth Services staff shall be done by a method of telecommuting when possible. 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 effective visitation and/or contact. Lawrence County Children and Youth Services shall make any and all reasonable efforts to assist families pending the evolving public health advisories concerning COVID-19 to carry out telecommuting visitation.

This directive shall apply unless directed otherwise by a Common Pleas Court judge having jurisdiction over a particular matter.

The Prothonotary and Clerk of Court shall exit a certified copy of this Order to all sitting Common Pleas Court judges of the Fifty-third Judicial District, the District Court Administrator of Lawrence County and to the Director of the

Lawrence County Children and Youth Services. The Director shall have the authority to provide copies of this Order to any interested or affected parties.

BY THE COURT:

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President Judge



53RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

WRENCE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

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## COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

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## CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

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## Administrative Request - Visitation Modifications

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Attention: Honorable President Judge Dominick Motto Lawrence County Government Center 430 Court Street | New Castle, PA 16101

Attention: Honorable David H. Acker, Family Division Lawrence County Government Center 430 Court Street | New Castle, PA 16101

Attention: Michael Occhibone, Court Administrator Lawrence County Government Center 430 Court Street | New Castle, PA 16101 LED/ORIGINAL

Due to public health advisories to reduce exposure to novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19:) Lawrence County Children and Youth Services is requesting modifications to visitation provisions for adjudicated youth.

The agency is requesting that All visitation 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 Litems, and; Lawrence County Children and Youth Services staff shall be done by a method of telecommuting when possible. 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 effective visitation and/or contact.

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John Bout Director