

THE DISTRICT COURTS OF BEXAR COUNTY



BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE
100 DOLOROSA
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

REVISED STATEMENT REGARDING STANDARD POSSESSION ORDER FOR SPRING BREAK

In an effort to minimize unnecessary litigation and provide guidance to the public under the evolving circumstances concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, and under the inherent authority of the court and the authority granted to the courts by the Supreme Court of Texas to “[m]odify or suspend ... procedures prescribed by statute, rule, or order”,¹ the Bexar County Civil District Courts state that any decision by any school or school district to delay resumption of classes (whether characterized as a “closure,” an “extended delay,” an “extended Spring Break,” or an “extended vacation”) is considered to be a closure for public health purposes and not an extension of a vacation period. Therefore, the Spring Vacation provisions in standard possession orders issued pursuant to TEX. FAM. CODE § 153.3101, and §§ 312-316, and standard possession orders with alternative beginning and ending possession times elected by a conservator under TEX. FAM. CODE § 153.317, will follow the child’s school district’s originally published school calendar, and will be enforced in that manner.

This Statement does not limit or restrict the court from altering, amending, modifying, clarifying, or enforcing orders within its sound discretion. Furthermore, this Statement does not limit the ability of the court to hear and address emergency matters on a case-by-case basis.

Date: March 16, 2020

¹ See Misc. Order No. 20-9042 issued by the Supreme Court of Texas on March 13, 2020, titled “FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER.”

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