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**FAMILY JUDGES OF  
BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS**

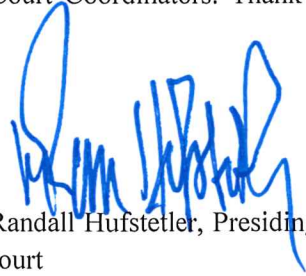
March 17, 2020

The Family District Courts recognize the concern about a potential outbreak of coronavirus. The health and safety of attorneys, clients, the public, and those who work in the courthouse remain a paramount concern. Our courts are doing their part to address these concerns in the following manner:

1. If a lawyer or litigant is sick: Lawyers or litigants who are sick or think they are exposed to COVID-19 should contact the court to reschedule their hearings or trials. 300<sup>th</sup> District Court and Associate Judge Bradshaw contact information – [dcourt300coordinator@brazoria-county.com](mailto:dcourt300coordinator@brazoria-county.com); 461<sup>st</sup> District Court contact information – [heatherc@brazoria-county.com](mailto:heatherc@brazoria-county.com).
2. Telephonic Appearances – The Courts are permitting telephonic appearances if requested on Essential Court Matters only. The party or attorney requesting a telephonic appearance must contact the Court Coordinator to make accommodations and leave a contact number.
3. Designation of Essential Court Matters: Unless a case is designated below as an Essential Court Matter, all in-person hearings and trials that are currently on the docket between March 19, 2020 and March 31, 2020 will need to be **RESET** to a date on or after April 1, 2020. We will re-evaluate the need to extend this period if necessary prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Essential Court Matters will proceed as usual. Our hours of operation will be from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. M-F until further notice.
4. For Family Cases, Essential Court Matters include:
  - Suits brought under Texas Family Code Title 4 (protective orders and family violence);
  - Suits brought under TFC Chapter 157, Subchapter H (habeas corpus and writs of attachment for children);
  - Suits brought under TFC Chapter 33 (judicial bypass);
  - Enforcements under TFC Chapter 157 if a respondent is in custody (writ); and
  - Other matters that may be designated by the Courts at their discretion.
5. All TRO's should be filed as mutual TRO's and will be automatically extended once without request as they will be deemed a Non-Essential Court Matter. The only exceptions will be the TRO's with extraordinary relief such as exclusion from residence or cessation of visitation/contact with a child. These matters will fall under the Essential Court Matter designation and will be set as usual within a 14 day time period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Court Coordinators. Thank you for your continued cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,



Hon. K. Randall Hufstetler, Presiding Judge, 300<sup>th</sup>  
District Court



Hon. Patrick Bulanek, Presiding Judge, 461<sup>st</sup>  
District Court



Hon. Chad D. Bradshaw, Associate Judge, 300<sup>th</sup>  
District Court