

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE 312TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT:

In keeping with the Board of District Judges update to the “*Courts’ Emergency Scheduling Procedures*”, the 312th Judicial District Court is implementing the following changes beginning Friday, March 13, 2020 through Friday April 3, 2020.

This situation with COVID-19 is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. Please continue to check this Court’s website for any updates regarding court closures or changes to this policy.

UNCONTESTED DOCKET:

There will not be an in-person, Uncontested Docket, beginning Friday, March 13, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020.

TRIAL SETTINGS:

Cases currently set on the general trial docket Monday, March 23, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. are reset to Monday, May 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Cases currently set on the general trial docket Monday, March 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. are reset to Monday, June 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ENTRY HEARINGS:

The court will consider entries by submission. Please e-file the order(s) and all other necessary documents on or before the given entry date. To ensure that your order is timely signed, please notify the clerks once all necessary documents have been filed.

Contested entries scheduled for hearing on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. are reset to April 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Contested entries scheduled for hearing on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. are reset to May 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Contested entries scheduled for hearing on Friday, April 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. are reset to May 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

DISMISSAL DOCKET:

Cases currently set on the Dismissal Docket Friday, March 27, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. are reset to Friday April 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

ENFORCEMENTS:

Motions for Enforcement filed under TFC Chapter 157, Subchapter H (habeas corpus and writs of attachment for children) will be heard by the court as scheduled.

Motions for Enforcement filed under TFC Chapter 157 if a Respondent is in custody, will be heard by the court as scheduled.

Hearings on all other Motions for Enforcement currently set for hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 or March 31, 2020, will be reset and Respondent appears, he or she will be sworn to return June 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

SHOW CAUSE DOCKET:

In keeping with the “*Family Courts Joint Statement Regarding Health and Safety Concerns*” Non Essential Court Matters set on the Show Cause Docket on: Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Tuesday March 31, 2020, and Wednesday April 1, 2020 will not be heard in-person.

Any uncontested hearing will be heard by submission. Please e-file the proposed order(s) on or before the given hearing date. To ensure that your order is timely signed, please notify the clerks once all necessary documents have been filed. If the hearing is contested, then counsel should contact the court and make arrangements to reset the hearing or set the matter on the submission docket.

Counsel is encouraged to set the following matters on the submission docket: *Indigency Hearings, Motion to Transfer, Motion for Continuance, Motion to Set Aside, Status Conference, Motion for Mediation, Motion for Costs, Motion for Substituted Service, Motion to Withdrawal, Motion to Retain, Motion to Quash, Special Exceptions.*

If a temporary restraining order has been filed, and not previously extended, then the “Standing Order Extending Temporary Restraining Order” may be attached to the filing party to any Temporary Restraining Order prior to filing.

Effective Friday, March 13, 2020, mediation is required before a temporary orders hearing.

Temporary Orders Hearing currently set on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Tuesday March 31, 2020, and Wednesday April 1, 2020, will be reset. Counsel should contact the court and obtain a reset date after mediation has been scheduled to or has occurred. If a hearing is necessary due to a true emergency involving an IMMEDIATE risk of loss of property or harm to a child, the filing party should support such request by affidavit. To ensure that your affidavit is timely reviewed, please notify the clerks once the affidavit has been filed. If your hearing is approved, then you will be noticed by the court so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

CPS:

All suits filed by a governmental entity under TFC Title 5 will be heard by the court as scheduled.

PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW the “*Family Courts Joint Statement Regarding Health and Safety Concerns*” and the “*Courts’ Emergency Scheduling Procedures*” for an explanation of Essential Court Matters.