

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POLK COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**FAMILY COURT DIVISION**

**ORDER CLARIFYING ALL PARENTING PLANS FOR JUDGE ROHRS**

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, said order having been continued through May 15, 2020. In addition, all Missouri school districts have suspended classes for the remainder of the school year per the Governor's order.

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 calendar from each child's school district 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 23d day of April, 2020 for Judge Rohrs' cases only.

So Ordered:



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**Elizabeth V. Rohrs, Judge**