

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2020-07-01

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR ORANGE AND OSCEOLA
COUNTIES, FLORIDA

AMENDED EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
RE: PARENTING IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES,
ORANGE & OSCEOLA COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a pandemic, the Governor of Florida has declared a state of emergency exists, and the Surgeon General and State Health Officer have declared a public health emergency exists, and the Florida State Courts must take steps to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 on legal proceedings and participants in those legal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, since March 17, 2020, the Florida Supreme Court has issued various Emergency Administrative Orders, which may be found at <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Emergency>, which include ordering the cancellation or postponement of all non-essential in-person hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Florida has announced that all schools will be closed to students until at least April 15, 2020, and that distance learning will begin on Monday, March 30, 2020, for all students; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the number of “emergency” filings and hearings until non-essential in-person hearings resume; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the parties and child(ren) that parents may continue to perform their duties and responsibilities of co-parenting, share the additional responsibilities of parenting through this time, and that the parties comply with all orders and Court rules; and

WHEREAS, the Judges assigned to the Domestic Relations Division have developed the following mandates to be used on all family cases in an effort to achieve the above stated goals;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Donald A. Myers, Jr., in order to facilitate the efficient administration of justice, and pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida under Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, hereby order the following, **effective immediately**, and to continue until further order:

1. APPLICATION AND TERM OF THIS ORDER.

- a. This Order is intended for all family law matters regarding parental responsibility and time-sharing, to be utilized and complied with immediately in all existing and newly filed Domestic Relations cases in Orange and Osceola Counties. However, This Order shall not supersede or modify any