

The 33<sup>rd</sup> and 424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts of Burnet, Llano, Blanco and San Saba Counties

## And

## The Burnet County Court at Law

March 16, 2020

## STATEMENT REGARDING PERIODS OF POSSESSION AND ACCESS UNDER THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE

Due to the extraordinary situation presented by COVID-19 concerns, questions and confusion have arisen regarding the interpretation of periods of possession/visitation in both Final Orders and Temporary Orders rendered out of the above-noted Courts. For that reason, these Courts now issue this statement of clarification:

For purposes of all orders issued out of the above-noted Courts, the Spring Break Vacation period ends at 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday before the date that school would have resumed under normal circumstances. 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.

As always, the parties to a case may agree to alter the period of possession and access. If the parties agree to do so, the Courts would urge the parties to set out the terms of their agreement in writing and have it signed by all parties.

J. Allan Garrett 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Judge

Evan Stubbs 424<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge

Linda Bayless Burnet County Court at Law Judge