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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
CONCERNING ERIE COUNTY

OF ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY ORDERS

RELATIVE TO COVID-19 MATTERS:

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A.D. NO.

OF 2020

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AND NOW, to wit, this of November, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that due to public health advisories to reduce exposure to novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") and slow the spread of the disease, visitation provisions for adjudicated youth will be modified.

All visitation by Order and/or Pennsylvania Code Sections 3130.68 and 3490.235 between an adjudicated youth in placement and their parent, guardian, sibling or prospective placement resource; Guardian *ad Litems*; and Erie County Office of Children and Youth staff shall be done by a method of telecommuting. Telecommuting shall include video conference, telephone calls, including more frequent telephone contacts, and any other means of video or audio communication to effectuate meaningful and effective visitation and/or contact. However, visitation may still occur in person if deemed not to be a health risk for the child.

FURTHER, it is **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that the Erie County Office of Children and Youth shall make any and all reasonable efforts to assist families pending the evolving public health advisories concerning COVID-19 to carry out telecommuting visitation.

FURTHER, this Order shall remain in effect until further Administrative Order of Court.

OMMON PLEAS COURT ERIE, PA 020 NOV 12 PM 2: 25 SLERK OF RECORDS BY THE COURT:

Hop. John J. Trucilla, President Judge

Hon. Joseph M. Walsh, III,

Administrative Judge of the Family Division

cc:

Honorable Marshall J. Piccinini Honorable Erin Connelly Marucci Hearing Office Carrie Munsee Guardian *ad Litems* Contracted Parent Attorneys OCY Legal Department