



**FORT BEND COUNTY FAMILY COURTS
JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING
HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS**

In response to the numerous emails recently received by the courts regarding concerns over the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Fort Bend County Family Courts issue the following statement:

- If a party requests a reset on any case between now and April 3, that reset will be granted. Parties shall contact the Court Coordinator for a new date. All other cases will be heard as scheduled, subject to the Court's discretion as to whether the hearing may pose an unnecessary or unreasonable risk to participants, court staff, or the public, in which case the matter may be reset.
- Hearing dates and reset dates will be given for dates after April 13, 2020.
- Any persons with COVID-19, flu-like symptoms, fever, or who are coughing or sneezing shall contact the Court in advance to reschedule their hearing as needed.
- There shall be no telephonic or video remote appearances allowed.
- During this period of time, the Court will not accept any paper filings. Any pleadings necessary for hearings shall be electronically filed in advance of the hearing. Exhibits for the court reporters shall be submitted electronically via flash drive.
- We will give all due consideration for health concerns.

Due to the volume of emails the court coordinators are receiving, please refer to the Courts' webpages for current information and updates before contacting the Courts.

Signed the 13th day of March, 2020.

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Walter Armatys
Presiding Judge, 328th District Court

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda Mullinix".

Brenda Mullinix
Presiding Judge, 387th District Court

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Perwin".

David Perwin
Presiding Judge, 505th District Court