

District Court State of Colorado Counties: Alamosa, Costilla, Conejos, Rio Grande, Saguache and Mineral	
In re: All Domestic Relations matters in the 12th Judicial District	COURT USE ONLY
	Case Number: ALL DR CASES Division Courtroom
ORDER REGARDING PARENTING TIME DURING THE GOVERNOR'S "STAY AT HOME" ORDER	

On March 25, 2020, the Governor of Colorado issued an Executive Order for Coloradans to Stay at Home due to COVID-19. The question arises regarding how such an Order impacts parenting time. The Court must balance the need to promote social distancing and the need for children to see each of their parents. Children need to retain as much consistency as possible, in these challenging times. In general, Children have the same or similar risk of getting COVID-19 in either parent’s home. In considering the potential risks, the Court has extreme concern for parties and children attempting to travel significant distances for parenting time exchanges, while the Stay at Home Order is in effect. Significant distances for children’s travel may require the children to utilize public bathrooms and encounter public areas that do not promote social distancing.

Therefore, the Court hereby Orders that parties SHALL continue to exchange children for parenting time, if the distance between the two homes is no more than 50 miles. If parties’ residences are farther than 50 miles apart, parenting time will be stayed; however, there shall be make-up parenting time. Make-up parenting time is in addition to regularly scheduled parenting time. Any missed parenting shall be completely made-up within 35 days of the lifting of the Stay at Home Order.

In cases that involve professionally supervised or monitored parenting time, parties shall communicate with the professional agency regarding the agency’s policies and restrictions. If the agency is unable to accommodate supervision or monitored parenting time, any missed parenting time shall be made up within 35 days of the lifting of the Stay at Home Order.

The herein Order is applicable in all Domestic Relations cases in the 12th Judicial District (San Luis Valley); it does not apply to any matters filed outside of the 12th Judicial

District (San Luis Valley). Each Judicial District may adopt different policies and procedures.

By mutual agreement, parties in Domestic Relations cases may enter into an alternative solution that works for their family. The Court recognizes that some families feel confident that children can travel further than 50 miles, and so the Court will defer to the parties' agreement. This Order is to guide parties who do not have an alternative agreement during this period of time.

The herein Order is effective beginning March 26, 2020 and will remain in effect until April 11, 2020 or for as long as the Governor's Executive Order to Stay at Home is in effect. If the Governor's Executive Order is extended, the herein Order will continue to be in effect. If the Governor's Executive Order is rescinded, then the herein Order will effectively be rescinded. When the Executive Order for Stay at Home Order is lifted, prior court-ordered parenting time resumes, and make-up parenting time will begin.

DONE AND SIGNED this 26th day of March, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Wood", is written over a horizontal line.

Acting District Court Judge