

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 19D

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DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

HOKE COUNTY

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CIVIL (DOMESTIC) COURT

HOKE COUNTY, C.S.C.

20-24-79

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ADOPTING TEMPORARY PROTOCOLS FOR SCHEDULING  
DOMESTIC COURT REMOTE HEARINGS**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina and the Chief Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court have issued Orders for the courts to take appropriate measures to protect health and safety and minimize exposure to COVID-19. Said Orders severely restrict in person hearings that may be held in Civil District (Family) Court through June 1, 2020 (currently), and

WHEREAS, given how long restrictions against in person hearings are and will be in place, it is necessary to ensure that the Court establish a process to address matters involving children and families, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that reasonable measures be taken to address certain critical matters pending in Domestic Court, and protocols to address temporary custody and other temporary issues. The attached protocols shall be effective immediately through May 31, 2020 and may be extended if necessary. The Order entered April 2, 2020 by the Chief Justice allows use of remote hearings upon consent of the parties to address temporary custody, and other pertinent temporary issues involving children and families, and

WHEREAS, the Hoke County Domestic Court has created the attached protocols to allow various domestic hearings to take place using WEBEX, the platform supported and recommended by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and

The attached temporary protocols will be effective immediately through May 31, 2020 and are subject to modification or extension by subsequent Administrative Order. All other Local Domestic Rules remain in place as previously adopted.

It is so ordered this the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 2020.



Don W. Creed, Jr.  
Chief District Court Judge  
19D Judicial District