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Suspension to continue on court-ordered in-person family visits in abuse and neglect cases

SANTA FE – Because of the ongoing public health risks from COVID-19, the New Mexico Supreme Court is extending limitations on in-person visits between children in state custody and their biological parents or guardians.

In-person visitations required by district courts in abuse and neglect cases will remain suspended until further order of the Supreme Court. An order issued by the state's highest court extended the suspension, which was implemented last month and would have expired on April 26.

Under the order, the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) is to make diligent efforts to provide for visits between parents and their children through videoconferencing and teleconferencing.

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