IN THE UTAH SUPREME COURT and UTAH JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Administrative Order for Court Operations During Pandemic

ADDENDUM TO
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DATED MARCH 21, 2020
April 23, 2020

The section titled Orders Applicable to Juvenile Courts in the Administrative Order dated March 21, 2020 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Orders Applicable to Juvenile Courts

20. Juvenile court judges are directed to continue until after June 1, 2020 all hearings with the exception of the following: shelter hearings, child welfare adjudication and disposition hearings, detention hearings, in-custody delinquency adjudication and disposition hearings, detention reviews, protective orders, and any other hearing involving a child being at imminent risk of abuse, neglect, or dependency. Except as detailed below, these exceptional hearings shall be conducted on the papers or by remote transmission.

21. Any child welfare, delinquency, or protective order timeline may be extended by the court.

22. (a) For hearings covered under paragraph 20, the parties are encouraged to resolve all matters by written motion. If a matter cannot be resolved by written motion, all hearings shall be held remotely. If a party desires an in-court hearing, a written request must be filed with an explanation as to why such a hearing is necessary and must explain in detail the exigent circumstances requiring an in-court hearing.

    (b) Any other hearing, matter or request, not covered in paragraph 20, may be heard by the court, either: (1) on the court's own motion; or (2) by written petition or motion submitted to the court. The courts and parties are encouraged to resolve all matters by written motion. For any matter covered under this sub-paragraph, if a party desires either a remote hearing or an in-court hearing, the party must make their request in writing with an explanation as to why such a hearing is necessary and, if an in-court hearing is requested, explain in detail the exigent circumstances requiring an in-court hearing.

23. With respect to any court hearings or reports, any persons who provide information to the court shall obtain that information in a manner that is consistent with federal, state, and local law or directives and the policies and procedures of their agency or organization. In the event sufficient information cannot safely be obtained in this manner, the court shall continue that hearing until the information can be safely obtained.

DATED this 23rd day of April 2020.

MATTHEW B. DURRANT
Chief Justice, Utah Supreme Court

DATED this 23rd day of April 2020.

MATTHEW B. DURRANT
Presiding Officer, Utah Judicial Council