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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:)	JUDGE COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI
THIRD GUARDIAN AD LITEM)	
INTERIM ORDER DUE TO)	
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH)	JOURNAL ENTRY
EMERGENCY &)	
NOVEMBER 2020)	
COVID SURGE)	

Effective November 23, 2020, all court appointed Guardians Ad Litem shall to conduct investigations as follows until further order of court:

1. No in person appointments with the parents, child(ren), or anyone else of significance in the case are to be scheduled for the health and safety of all concerned.
2. No in person home investigations are to be done until further order. Preliminary views of the parents' homes may be done by Face Time, Skype, or other software program.
3. The guardian ad litem and the parents are to communicate by email, telephone, Zoom, or other platform.
4. The guardian ad litem may send out records requests including but not limited to school, pediatric, and counseling records. The Court recognizes due to the Public Health Emergency, records may be slow to come in.
5. The guardian ad litem retains the discretion to speak to a child(ren) via Face Time, Skype, Zoom, or telephone as the guardian ad litem determines appropriate.
6. Any parent or any member of the parent's household who tests positive for COVID-19 shall notify the guardian ad litem by email and this Court at 440-350-2708 within 24 hours of receipt of the test results.
7. Review the Court's website for current COVID-19 orders: <https://lccrct.org/>

IT IS SO ORDERED.


 COLLEEN A. FALKOWSKI, JUDGE

cc: Lake County Bar Association
 Geauga County Bar Association
 Ashtabula County Bar Association