

In the Iowa Supreme Court

CLERK SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of Ongoing Provisions)
For Coronavirus/COVID-19 Impact)
On Court Services)

December 14, 2020

The Iowa Judicial Branch continues to carefully monitor the public health situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, balancing the need to take measures to reduce the spread of the virus with its commitment to conducting business as necessary. Accordingly, the supreme court notes the current high rate of COVID-19 positive tests in the state and orders as follows pursuant to its available legal authority, including Article III, section 1 and Article V, sections 1 and 4 of the Iowa Constitution.

This order replaces in its entirety paragraph 24 of the amended November 24, 2020 order.

FAMILY LAW

24. Judicial Discretion Regarding Video Conferencing in Custodial Family Law Trials. Custody trials may be held by video conference by consent of the parties. On motion by a party and for good cause shown, the court in its discretion may allow a custody trial or hearing by video conference over the objection of the other party after an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2020.

THE IOWA SUPREME COURT

By 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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