FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE APRIL 21, 2020
ORDER FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING COMMISSION
REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS PROCEDURES

SUSPENSION OF IN PERSON PROCEEDINGS THROUGH MAY 15, 2020

On April 17, 2020, the Missouri Supreme Court issued an order further suspending all in-person proceedings in all Missouri circuit and appellate courts, with limited exceptions, through May 15, 2020. This was done in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). This Commission previously entered an order suspending all in-person proceedings. Now, in response to the Supreme Court's order, this Commission extends its order to May 15, 2020. All in-person proceedings are suspended effective immediately through May 15, 2020, except for the cases noted below. None of this Commission's cases fall under the exceptions listed by the Supreme Court in its order.

The only exceptions to this current order are emergency suspensions, stay orders, and Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act ("IDEA") cases. These cases will be conducted as needed by telephone.

With regard to IDEA cases, since we have no authority to continue these cases, for public health and safety, we urge the parties to file motions to continue these cases. If the parties are unable to agree to a continuance, please be advised that the hearing will only be held via telephone. Additional information will be provided to the parties.

Filing deadlines are not suspended as electronic filing and fax filing remain available and in full operation. If you have questions, please contact our offices for instructions at (573) 751-2422.

Motions, pleadings, and other requests to this Commission filed during this time period will be processed and ruled upon as circumstances allow.

Therefore, on our own motion, we continue all hearings set up through May 15, 2020. Cases set for videoconference during this time period are also continued because they require the parties and witnesses to appear alongside the Commission's employees at videoconference locations. Cases continued will be reset in a separate order at a later date.

So Ordered April 21, 2020:

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