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**Subject:** RE: In-Person Parent-Child Contact in CHINS Proceedings

Dear Ken et al,

The Supreme Court has considered DCF's request for a blanket order suspending in person parent child contact in light of the Governor's "stay home-stay safe" order. Specifically, they discussed the impact of the Governor's order on parent-child contact in CHINS cases. They do not read the Governor's order as effecting a blanket ban on parent-child visitation. Further, they believe that Superior Judges should continue to address motions to stay or modify PCC on an individual basis, which allows them to take into account specific circumstances of the case before them and exercise their discretion accordingly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any remaining questions..

Very Truly Yours,  
Brian

Brian J. Grearson  
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