

**In Re: The Hennepin County Juvenile
Detention Center and The Hennepin
County Home School**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has resulted in the declaration of a peacetime state of emergency, pursuant to the issuance of Executive Order 20-01 by Governor Tim Walz, on March 13, 2020, which order was extended by Executive Order No. 20-53 (May 13, 2020), and he has issued other orders including Executive Order No. 20-56 (May 13, 2020) which rescinded the stay at home directive that extended until May 18, 2020 (Emergency Executive Order No. 20-48)(Apr. 30, 2020); and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Corrections is prohibiting visitation and volunteer service for all adult facilities in order to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Administrative Rule § 2960.0080, subp. 15(B) prohibits the restriction of the visiting rights of parents of a juvenile resident without a court order. Minnesota Administrative Rule § 2960.0270, subp. 5 requires the juvenile facility license holder to establish by clear and convincing evidence that visits would not be in the best interest or welfare of the resident; and

WHEREAS, given the close proximity of children in the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center and the Hennepin County Home School, and the unknown factors relating to transmission and treatment of COVID-19, the Court finds that it is in the best interest and welfare of the children residing in the above-named facilities to temporarily restrict visitation commencing on March 13, 2020, and continuing as specified below, as recommended by the Hennepin County Director of Community Corrections, with direction and input from the Minnesota Department of Corrections. The Court enters the following:

ORDER

Hennepin County Community Corrections shall have the authority to restrict visitation to the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center and the Hennepin County Home School, from March 13, 2020 until further order of this Court, as recommended by the Director of Hennepin County Community Corrections with direction and input from the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: May 18, 2020

Ivy S. Bernhardson
Chief Judge, Hennepin County District Court

