

Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas - Custody Directive

It is the policy of the Lancaster County Family Court that existing custody orders are to be complied with absent true emergency circumstances as Governor Wolf's emergency directives specifically permit travel for custody exchanges during the COVID-19 pandemic. If the exchange is to occur in a public place that may create an elevated risk, the parties should consider exchanging at their respective residences (curbside, if necessary) or such other location as they may agree. If a party believes emergency circumstances exist which would justify temporary suspension of custodial exchanges, he/she must prepare and file an Emergency Petition for Temporary Modification of the Custody Order, pursuant to the procedures for custody set forth in the Administrative Order dated April 1, 2020 which can be found on the Courts Website. <https://www.court.co.lancaster.pa.us/>