



## Possible Covid-19 clauses, suggested by Prof. Nick Bala, April 15, 2020

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### General

- 1) We agree to the following parenting arrangements for the next \_\_\_\_ weeks/months or until the Ontario government no longer recommends social distancing practices and reopens schools and day care.
- 2) The previously agreed parenting time schedule will remain in effect, except as modified as follows:
  - a) Transfers will occur with the parent having care bringing the child to residence of the other parent.
  - b) There will be no extracurricular activities.
  - c) .....
- 3) Each parent will practice strict social distancing, both during parenting and outside of their parenting time. This means following public health recommendations regarding: avoiding unnecessary out-of-home errands; maintaining at least a 2-metre distance from other people except those sharing the household; frequent hand-washing; use of disinfectants and sanitizers, and any other public health directives.
- 4) For necessities like groceries, each parent will either arrange for delivery or reduce attendances at grocery store or elsewhere to the minimum possible, and whenever possible will go to the grocery store or other sites without the child / children present.
- 5) During their parenting time, each parent will impose strict social distancing on the child. This includes no in-person play dates and no use of public playgrounds. [Some parents may decide to modify this to, for example, allow out-door activities with one other child who lives close by. What is important is that the parents agree to some modification of the strict government guidelines, and honour their commitments.]

### **Covid -19: possible clauses–parenting time**

6) During their parenting time, each parent will ensure that the child / children complete their daily school work as informed by their school(s) via the technology being used for this.

7) If a parent or residential partner are isolating due to travel or contact with a person with symptoms of COVID-19, that parent will immediately notify the other parent and commence a 14-day period of isolation. If the child is with isolating parent at that time, the other parent will have the option of coming and taking care of the child until the end of the 14 days, or having the child remain with the isolating parent. If the child is with the non-isolating parent at that time, the child will remain with that parent until the end of the 14 days. During periods of isolation, the parents will facilitate daily video calls between the child / children and the non-isolating parent.

8) If a parent or residential partner exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, that parent will immediately notify the other parent and cease to spend time with the child until they have fully recovered and are able to care for the child without risk to the child. During this period, the parents will facilitate daily video calls between the child and the parent with care.

9) If a parent or a residential partner are confirmed as having Covid 19 or is unable to care for the child, that parent will immediately notify the other parent and cease to spend time with the child until they have fully recovered and are able to care for the child without risk to the child. During this period, the parents will facilitate daily video calls between the child and the parent with care.

### **Covid -19: special situations**

10) [Where either parent or anyone in the household is an essential service worker working with the public, e.g. doctor, nurse, supermarket or pharmacy employee, flight attendant, etc.]. It is acknowledged that Parent A [or a person in that parent's household] is at the increased risk of exposure to Covid 19 as that person is an essential services worker. That parent will continue to have parenting time, but acknowledging the increased risk, there will be complete transparency with the other parent regarding whether or not there has been any contact with someone who has been diagnosed or has been exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

11) [If either parent is in a home with older family members or with individuals who are immune-compromised, the child should not be in that home, but the parents will facilitate daily video calls between the child and the non-isolating parent.]

12) [If parenting time was only to occur in a public place such as a community centre, a mall, or a restaurant, then it should be suspended, but the parents will facilitate video calls between the child and the other parent.]

13) [If parenting time was to be supervised, then the parenting time should be suspended unless the supervisor resides with that parent, but the parents will facilitate video calls between the child and the other parent].