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1. I am acting family liaison judge for in South Auckland while Judge Goodwin is acting PFCJ.
2. I have re-established Judge Goodwin's information sharing group for South Auckland lawyers this week or for any longer period we are in level 3 lockdown. Practitioners in the other Auckland courts will receive separate communications via the Family Law Section from Judge Pidwell, acting family judge liaison in Auckland.
3. The OT list today has been converted into remote appearance via VMR and notices went out yesterday advising the allocated time slots. If we are in Level 3 next week, OT and CoCA lists will continue be dealt with in this manner.
4. Short cause and half day hearings scheduled for Manukau (today), Papakura (Tuesday) and Pukekohe (Wednesday) will be subject of a call-over this afternoon. Any hearings which proceed will take place in Manukau.
5. The settlement conference this week has been adjourned.
6. Judge Ginnen and I will have telephone conferences for the long cause hearings in which we are involved this week.
7. Judges are very aware that there will be a heightened sense of anxiety among lawyers and parties about in person appearances in the Manukau Court given the proximity of the latest outbreak. **It is important that anyone who has anxiety about an in-person appearance informs the court so alternatives can be arranged.**
8. If you have any questions about this email or the protocols generally, please don't hesitate to contact me.