

DIVISION JK REMOTE/IN PERSON PROCEDURES
May 3, 2023

DEPENDENCY

DEPENDENCY DOCKET MATTERS

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all dependency docket matters are proceeding in person. Remote appearances by parties is disfavored, but if you believe your particular situation requires it, please follow the procedure set forth under General Procedures to request remote appearance.

Non-parties may appear for these matters remotely.

ALL OTHER DEPENDENCY HEARINGS

All **Termination of Parental Rights** adjudicatory hearings will be held in person.

GENERAL PROCEDURES: DEPENDENCY

In accord with the Administrative Orders, for **IN PERSON** hearings, all parties must physically be in the courtroom. Masks will not be required but any attorney, witness or party may choose to wear one. Social distancing will not be required, but the Court will make best efforts to separate individuals if requested.

Please be advised that if ANY attorney, witness or party has health issues and would like to appear remotely or would like accommodations in the courtroom, the Court will make best efforts to accommodate those requests. If all parties agree that an individual may appear remotely, an email sent to CAD@PBCGOV.ORG will be sufficient notice that the individual's appearance will be remote. If there is not agreement about a remote appearance, please file a motion with the Court.

If a party has already been noticed for a remote hearing and re-notice for an in person appearance is not logistically feasible or efficient, the party's attorney may send an email to CAD-DIVISIONJK@PBCGOV.ORG to advise the Court.

Unless they are to testify, case managers, participants, spectators and any other interested individuals may attend any hearing **REMOTELY**.

DELINQUENCY

DELINQUENCY DOCKET MATTERS

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, Calendar calls, Status Checks, Competency Hearings, Arraignments, and other non-evidentiary docket hearings will continue to be held **IN PERSON**.

If any party or attorney wishes to appear remotely for a particular delinquency docket matter, please contact the CAD and CC all parties. Please include whether there are any objections to the request, and if all parties are in agreement that the matter should be held in person in whole or in part.

Plea Conferences and Disposition Hearings will be held **IN PERSON**.

ALL OTHER DELINQUENCY HEARINGS

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all evidentiary hearings will be held **IN PERSON**. This includes Delinquency adjudicatory hearings and motion hearings. If a Youth resides out of county, counsel may request that the hearing proceed remotely.

Hearings involving solely legal argument can proceed remotely upon agreement of the parties. Hybrid hearings are disfavored, with the court strongly preferring all parties appear either in person or on zoom.

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Unless they are to testify, parents, family members, Juvenile Probation Officers, spectators, and any other interested individuals may attend any hearing **REMOTELY**.