

10.9 Remote Appearances in Juvenile Justice (Delinquency)

- A. All Juvenile Justice hearings shall be set for in-person appearances unless otherwise permitted by the court pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Local Rule. Although the court has the technology available to allow for remote appearances, the court has found that there are limitations to the technology that hinders the effective management and resolution of confidential Juvenile Justice hearings, including the attorneys' ability to effectively represent their clients, and the court interpreters' ability to provide effective language access to court users. ([See Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 367.75\(b\)\(2\)\(5\) and \(6\).](#))
- B. The court will consider allowing a person's remote appearance for Juvenile Justice hearings when there is a showing that an in-person appearance will impede access to justice or other good cause.
- C. Notice of the need to appear remotely and the reason for the requested exception shall be provided in one of three ways: (1) at the time the hearing is set; (2) by [advising Juvenile Probation by](#) calling (707) 253-4361 at least one business day in advance of the hearing; or (3) by oral request via remote appearance at the time of the hearing when advanced notice cannot reasonably be provided.
- D. The person requesting an exception to the in-person requirement who did not obtain permission at the time the hearing is set shall appear remotely at the scheduled hearing at which time the court will consider any objections and determine whether to allow the remote appearance to proceed or to require an in-person appearance upon continuation of the hearing to a later date/time.

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