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**SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
 JUVENILE DIVISION**  
*Effective April 5, 2021*

*Theresa P. Barreiro*  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Kane County, IL  
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**IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19 )  
 TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR )  
 JUVENILE DIVISION MATTERS )**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus pandemic is ongoing and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges and circuit court employees, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered Order M.R. 30370 on May 2020 authorizing each Circuit Court to return to hearing court matters, whether in person or remotely, according to the schedule to be adopted for each county by the Chief Judge of each Circuit. The order recommends that Circuit Courts shall continue, to the extent possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of all of the above named parties and individual to limit the number of people in the individual Juvenile Courtrooms to as few as needed to accomplish the critical tasks of each courtroom; and

**WHEREAS**, to the extent that they do not conflict with this Supplemental Order, the terms of the Administrative Order entered May 1, 2020 remain in full force and effect,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective April 5, 2021 the following temporary procedures will apply to all cases assigned to Juvenile Abuse and Neglect and to Juvenile Delinquency (Juvenile Division):

**1) IN PERSON AND REMOTE APPEARANCES IN JUVENILE DIVISION CASES:**


- a) Each Judge in the Juvenile Division will have the discretion to conduct their court calls either remotely via Zoom, in person, or on a hybrid platform using the “OWL Conference System” however, the PREFERENCE IS FOR REMOTE APPEARANCE.
- b) In order to accommodate social distancing requirements all parties are required to notify their respective attorneys at least seven (7) days in advance of each court date regarding how they intend to appear; either in person or remotely on the Zoom platform.
- c) Parties are advised that failing to provide advance notification may result in denial of access to the courtroom due to space limitations or the inability of the court to provide sufficient language interpretation services.

- d) If in person access is denied then the party will be permitted to access the proceeding via the remote Zoom platform.
- e) Agency representatives, GAL's, foster parents, and in Juvenile Abuse and Neglect cases the minor(s), shall appear remotely via the Zoom platform unless otherwise authorized by the Judge assigned to the matter.
- f) All non-party participants permitted access to a juvenile case are required to appear remotely on the Zoom platform unless otherwise authorized by the Judge assigned to the matter.
- g) All participants are advised that cases will be staggered over each court call. Therefore, participants should contact their attorneys to determine what time their case will be called. Attorneys may contact the State's Attorney assigned to their case to determine the time the cases will be called. Participants shall not be granted access to the courtrooms until their scheduled time.

2) **REMOTE APPEARANCES IN ADOPTION CASES**

- a) All adoption cases will continue to be heard remotely until further order of the court.
- b) At the discretion of the judge assigned to the case, authority to appear in court may be granted for purposes of the judge taking consents/surrenders for adoptions.

Entered this 18th day of March, 2021

  
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Presiding Judge, Juvenile Division

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