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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

REMOTE HEARINGS FOR  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT  
SERVICES MATTERS

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: SD-21-0007

By Order of the Presiding Judge:

Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On December 16, 2020, as a result of rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Kern County, the Court issued an order requiring telephonic appearances in all Department of Child Support Services matters.

On June 15, 2021, the Governor of the State of California announced that restrictions that had been in place for the last year were eliminated, including physical distancing, capacity limits, county tier systems and masks in most settings for fully vaccinated individuals.

As a result, effective immediately and until further notice, all Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) matters may be conducted telephonically or in person, at the discretion of the individual judicial officer. This applies only to matters involving DCSS.

1 For parties desiring to appear telephonically, all parties shall email, at least one  
2 (1) day prior to the scheduled hearing, their contact information to  
3 [DCSSCalendaring@kern.courts.ca.gov](mailto:DCSSCalendaring@kern.courts.ca.gov). The contact information shall include the court  
4 case number, full name, telephone number, mailing address and email address.

5 For telephonic hearings, the Court will contact the parties on the day of the  
6 hearing.

7 This order supersedes the Court's prior standing order, *In re Department of Child*  
8 *Support Services Matters During COVID-19 Pandemic*, Misc. No. STO-20-0019, issued  
9 on December 8, 2020.

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11 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2021.

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13 **IT IS ORDERED.**

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15 Dated: June 27, 2021.

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19 Colette Humphrey, Presiding Judge  
20 Kern County Superior Court  
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