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COUNTY OF KERN  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF KERN – METROPOLITAN DIVISION  
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

IN RE THE MATTER OF:  
**ORDER RE COURT APPEARANCES  
IN PROCEEDINGS IN THE JUVENILE  
JUSTICE CENTER**

STANDING ORDER No. 2021-06-02

This order is intended to and does supersede Standing Orders No. 2021-06 and 2021-06-01.

Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On June 15, 2021, the Governor of the State of California announced that Covid-19-related 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 August 2, 2021, unless subject to an exception set forth in this order or authorized by a Juvenile Court Judge or Judicial Officer, attorneys, parties, and witnesses are expected to appear in person at court appearances.

1 The following are specifically excepted from appearing in person in court:

2 Parties who parties live more than one hour from the court and who do not  
3 anticipate testifying at the hearing, unless they have been ordered to appear at  
4 the hearing;

5 Attorneys, witnesses, and parties to proceedings filed pursuant to the  
6 Lanterman Act, including proceedings filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions  
7 Code section 6500, so long as the facility has adequate equipment for the  
8 testimony of witnesses;

9 Attorneys, witnesses, and parties to proceedings filed pursuant to the  
10 Lanterman Petris Short Act, including LPS conservatorships, Writs of Habeas  
11 Corpus filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5276, Capacity or  
12 *Riese* hearings filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5332, *et*  
13 *seq.*, and Post-Certification proceedings filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions  
14 Code section 5300, so long as the facility has adequate equipment for the  
15 testimony of witnesses;

16 Attorneys, witnesses, and parties to proceedings filed pursuant to Penal  
17 Code section 1026.5, so long as the facility has adequate equipment for the  
18 testimony of witnesses.

19 Notwithstanding this order, each judicial officer retains discretion to require a  
20 personal appearance upon a showing of good cause, or to find good cause for any  
21 additional exception to the requirement of personal appearance.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

23 Dated: July 30, 2021



24 SUSAN M. GILL,  
25 Presiding Judge of the  
Kern County Juvenile Court