

JUVENILE COURT, CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER, STATE OF COLORADO 520 W. COLFAX, Room 125, Denver, CO 80204	
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2022-01	^ COURT USE ONLY ^
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING RETURN TO IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS</b>	

**WHEREAS**, the Denver Juvenile Court continues to aim to balance public health considerations with the necessity to maintain fair and effective administration of justice for the citizens who appear in juvenile court; and

**WHEREAS**, in taking these interests into consideration, the Denver Juvenile Court has returned to in-person operations and is open the public; and

**WHEREAS**, having returned to in-person operations, the Denver Juvenile Court recognizes authorizing parties, professionals, and others to appear before the court by phone, virtually (by audio or video), or similar technology in lieu of in-person appearances can, when used thoughtfully and appropriately, increase access to justice for the citizens the court serves.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED**, expectations for in-person court appearances for the below case types are as follows:

**Delinquency and dependency and neglect matters:** Parties, counsel, and case-related professionals are expected to be in person for all hearings. Counsel and case-related professionals are expected to have informed coverage if they are unable to appear personally. Requests for parties, counsel, or case-related professionals to appear by phone, virtually or by similar technology instead of appearing in person must be made by written or oral motion to the court prior to the hearing for which the authorization to appear by an alternative means is sought. If counsel is seeking authorization for a client to appear by alternative means, counsel is still expected to appear in person unless counsel also requests specific authorization to appear by alternative means. All requests for authorization to appear by alternative means instead of in person must be supported by good cause. Appearance of counsel in JD cases may be by alternative means.

**Truancy matters:** Parties, counsel and case-related professionals are expected to be in person when truancy dockets resume in August 2022. Exceptions may be authorized by the judicial officers presiding over the truancy dockets.

**Paternity and support matters:** All parties in paternity and support matters set for contempt proceedings shall appear in person. For all other hearings, the parties may appear by alternative means unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judicial officer.

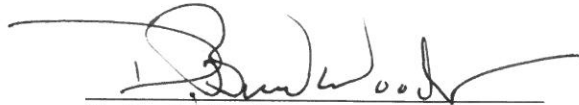
**Adoption matters:** All parties shall appear in person unless otherwise authorized by the presiding judicial officer.

**URM and FYIT matters:** Parties may appear by alternative means unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judicial officer.

With this Order, the Presiding Judge Order issued March 27, 2020 related to virtual operations in dependency and neglect matters is rescinded. Exceptions to any of the above appearance requirements, including for emergencies, may be made on a case-by-case basis upon written or oral motion to the court and a showing of good cause. With the exception of the truancy dockets as indicated above, this Order is EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2022. This Order shall be reviewed by the Court on or about January 1, 2023.

SO ORDERED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Brett Woods', written over a horizontal line.

D. Brett Woods  
Presiding Judge, Denver Juvenile Court