

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF CLACKAMAS

In the Matter of:)	
)	PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
Juvenile Dependency Remote and)	
In-Person Hearings)	2021-13
_____)	

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying necessary restrictions on court operations, the Court has conducted most juvenile hearings remotely since the issuance of PJO 2020-07 on March 30, 2020.

On June 25, 2021, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 21-15, which extended the COVID-19 state of emergency to December 31, 2021, but otherwise rescinded earlier Executive Orders that had imposed statewide restrictions relating to protective face coverings, social distancing, capacity limits, and the county risk level framework.

On June 28, 2021, Chief Justice Walters issued Chief Justice Order 21-025, removing some restrictions previously placed on court operations. Pursuant to the authority granted in CJO 21-025 (3), IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The following juvenile dependency proceedings shall be conducted in person:
 - a. All pre-jurisdiction hearings (Initial shelter/removals, pretrial conferences, admissions/dispositions, trials)
 - b. All contested hearings (jurisdictional trial, contested permanency, TPRs, etc.)
 - c. First Appearance, Status on TPRs and Permanent Guardianship hearings.

2. The following juvenile dependency proceedings shall be conducted remotely:
 - a. Removal of child when DHS has custody – failure of an in-home plan
 - b. Review Hearings
 - c. Permanency Hearings
 - d. Dismissals
 - e. Prima Facie Trials on a TPR after a parent has been defaulted

3. This Order supersedes PJO 2020-07.
4. All Supplemental Local Rules and Uniform Trial Court Rules regarding juvenile dependency matters shall remain in effect.
5. Exhibits for trials or contested matters shall be filed electronically with the Court no less than seven (7) court days prior to the court hearing, pursuant to UTCR 11.110(1).
6. This Order takes effect on September 1, 2021.

DATED this 29 day of July, 2021.



Kathie F. Steele
Clackamas County Circuit Court
Presiding Judge