

STANDING ORDER FOR FAMILY AND JUVENILE CASES IN CHITTENDEN COUNTY

Paragraph 5 of the Administrative Order 49 concerning remote hearings was deleted effective 09/06/2022. The Reporter's Note regarding the change provided that remote participation in most family proceedings will be governed by V.R.C.P. 43.1, until new rules for remote proceedings are issued.

Rule 43.1 provides that a Court may require remote participation, and/or that a judge may preside from a remote location, in an order served on all parties. See V.R.C.P. 43.1(c)(3) and (4). Until further notice, all notice of hearings shall include Instructions for participating in a hearing that shall specify whether the hearing is in-person, remote by Webex, or a hybrid of the two. That notice is sufficient to give the required notice per Rule 43.1.

Any person appearing remotely will do so with their audio and video on. Any individual party and/or attorneys who wish to appear in person may appear in person for a remote hearing without requesting permission to do so.

For in-person hearings, a motion to appear remotely shall be filed no later than 14 days in advance of the hearing.

Absent a specific order from the Court in any particular case, the following expectations for appearance remotely or in- person shall apply:

FAMILY CASES

- A. The parties and counsel are required to appear in person for all evidentiary hearings that are scheduled for two hours or more.
- B. Parties may appear remotely for:
 - a. Status conferences;
 - b. Evidentiary hearing scheduled for less than two hours.

RELIEF FROM ABUSE CASES

- A. Parties may appear remotely or in person. If appearing remotely, they shall ensure that they have audio and video capability.

CHINS CASES

- A. The parties and clients are required to appear in person for all evidentiary hearings that are scheduled for a half day or more.
- B. All other hearings may be remote by Webex or in person.

DELINQUENCY AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDER CASES

- A. The parties and clients are required to appear in person for all Merits Hearings, Admissions, Youthful Offender Consideration Hearings and contested Disposition Hearings.