

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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In the Matter of Ongoing Provisions)
for Coronavirus/COVID-19 Impact)
on Court Services

Amended Sept. 1, 2020
Order

On September 1, 2020, the supreme court filed a supervisory order on judicial discretion regarding remote technology in certain juvenile proceedings. Cases filed under Iowa Code Chapter 232D were inadvertently omitted from the order. Therefore the order is amended as follows:

**Judicial Discretion Regarding Remote Technology
in Certain Juvenile Proceedings**

Through December 31, 2020, juvenile courts may order that any proceeding in cases filed under Iowa Code Chapters 232, 232D, and 600A may be conducted with the parties or participants appearing remotely by videoconference or telephone. This includes child-in-need-of-assistance adjudications, dispositional hearings, and terminations of parental rights. Any order directing a proceeding by videoconference or telephone may be entered over the objection of a party, but only after that party has an opportunity to be heard. If the juvenile court proposes a proceeding by videoconference or telephone, the presumption shall be in favor of going forth in that manner. Attorneys and self-represented litigants shall articulate in their objections the reasons constituting good cause for an in-person proceeding.

Juvenile delinquency adjudication proceedings may be held by videoconference or telephone only by consent of the parties.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2020.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By 
Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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