

Notice to all litigants and attorneys appearing in Departments 7 and 13

Effective December 9, 2020 and continuing until further notice:

1. To reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 to all concerned, the Superior Court is instituting telephonic appearance in Departments 7 and 13 for all parties and counsel from and after 12/9/20 until further notice. Court Call will not be used for such appearances, though, parties may use this service if they so choose. Instead, parties and counsel shall be called by the Court through Zoom audio at the time scheduled for hearing of their matter at the telephone number on file with the Family Law Clerk's office. Parties will only be called if there is a proof of service on file for their matter. Parties and counsel will be permitted to appear through the Zoom room for Department 13 matters if they appear at the courthouse in Los Banos for their hearing.
2. Court Trials scheduled after 12/9/20, until further notice, will be heard remotely if possible. Further instruction will be forthcoming to address how such matters will be conducted via Zoom video.
3. All CCRC shall continue to be conducted via Zoom audio. Parties will be contacted at the telephone number on file with the Family Law Clerk's office. If your number has changed since you last provided information to the Court, please update this information with the Court prior to your mediation. Parties shall provide a current address at the time of CCRC so that the recommendation/rationale or CCRC agreement can be mailed after CCRC. Recommendations/rationales will continue to be mailed to litigants until such time as the Family Law Clerk's office returns to normal operations.