

SLO County Family Law Zoom Policies (May 22, 2024)

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DV Hearings per CFC 6308?	Yes, but only as to parties, their witnesses and their support people. They must request this in advance (but this is relaxed b/c our County has not created a DV-specific request yet as required by the code.) This is not available to attorneys per the language of the code.	Yes, for parties, counsel, witnesses, and all other court participants.	Yes, for parties, witnesses, and support people. Counsel may request in advance.
Trial Setting Conferences, Trial Readiness Conferences	Yes. These calendars are specifically designed for Zoom court appearances and are set at 8:30 am. Starting June 1, 2024 , all TSC, TR and any other Zoom court appearance will be on the Monday 8:30 am calendar ONLY (except for the 3rd Monday of the month when we have the DCSS conflict calendar)	Yes. These calendars are specifically designed for Zoom court appearances and are set at 1:30 pm on Wednesday afternoons.	P1's TSC/Readiness calendars (Wed at 8:30 a.m.) are the only Zoom-dedicated calendars.
RFO Calendars, Long-Cause Hearings, Trials	No, unless there has been an ADA or general request made (on FL015) and was granted <i>before</i> your appearance.	No, unless there has been prior approval by the Court, either through written request and order or by pre-authorization.	DVRO and RFO calendars are in person. However, P-1 has allowed attorneys (primarily minors' counsel) to appear via Zoom with prior approval. P-1 is transitioning to live appearances presently.
Witnesses	Yes, for witnesses that are out of the area (more than an hour drive away depending on weather and traffic.) If there is an objection, then the Court will assess for good cause.	Yes, for witnesses that are out of the area (more than an hour drive away depending on weather and traffic.) If there is an objection, then the Court will assess for good cause.	Yes, for witnesses that are out of the area (more than an hour drive away depending on weather and traffic.) If there is an objection, then the Court will assess for good cause.

Minor's Counsel exception	Yes, but only with pre-authorization on the record in advance, or via FL015.	Yes, but only with pre-authorization.	Yes, but only with pre-authorization.
DCSS	Yes, for the DCSS-conflict calendar. All DCSS hearings are by Zoom.	Yes. All DCSS hearings are by Zoom.	When applicable, yes. DCSS-conflict calendar. All DCSS hearings are by Zoom.
Settlement Conferences	Yes, if everyone agrees to do so.	Yes, if everyone agrees to do so.	Yes, if everyone agrees to do so.
Misc. Info	If you are in the Zoom waiting room and have not been granted a remote appearance, please do not email and call the court regarding the same.	For 8:30 am matters on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, preauthorization for Zoom appearance is often granted to parties and counsel.	