



**Circuit Court Branch 6**  
**David W. Paulson**  
**Judge**

**Juvenile, CHIPS and TPR Proceedings through June 30, 2020.**

This Court recognizes that the health situation in the City of Racine and Racine County is unresolved. Based upon the health uncertainties, Branch 6 is continuing the following procedures.

**JUVENILE CASES**

- A. All appearances will be by telephone conference. This includes initial appearances, status conferences, motions, pre-trials and plea/disposition.
- B. Juveniles scheduled for plea/disposition may appear by telephone conference after waiving their right to personally appear. A completed Plea Questionnaire is requested but not required. The Court will accept an oral statement that the Plea Questionnaire was reviewed and approved.
- C. In-custody juveniles will appear by video and all the participants will appear by telephone.
- D. Trials will be scheduled after July 1, 2020. The clerk will contact any attorney with a June trial or Waiver to reschedule.

**CHIPS CASES**

- A. All appearances will be by telephone conference. This includes initial appearances, status conferences, motions, pre-trials, plea/disposition and permanency plans.
- B. Temporary physical custody hearings will be by telephone unless a party or an attorney requests a personal appearance. The Court will coordinate with the Sheriff's Department as to whether an in-custody parent can appear in person.

- C. Respondents scheduled for plea/disposition may appear by telephone conference upon stipulation by all parties and after waiving any rights to appear personally. A completed Plea Questionnaire is requested but not required. The Court will accept an oral statement that the Plea Questionnaire was reviewed and approved.
- D. Trials will be scheduled after July 1, 2020.

### **TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

- A. Parties may appear by telephone only if they waive any right to appear personally. Permitted telephone appearances include initial appearance (plea), status conferences, motions and pre-trials. In-court appearances will be permitted if requested and allowed by Supreme Court interim rules.
- B. Proceedings scheduled after June 30, 2020 will be set as required personal appearances.
- C. TPR jury trials are currently scheduled into October 2020.
- D. In-custody appearances and transports are subject to institution and Sheriff's Department procedures.

### **PROCEDURE**

It is the responsibility of each attorney to provide Carrie Ann appropriate telephone numbers for counsel and their client. If a party is unrepresented, HSD is requested to provide Carrie Ann with the last known telephone contact. The e-mail for Carrie Ann is [Carrie.Ray@wicourts.gov](mailto:Carrie.Ray@wicourts.gov).

Each telephone participant must have a clear signal. Background noise (dog barking, office noise, standing outside in wind or traffic, etc.) must be eliminated or the party will be disconnected.

These are guidelines to protect the health of all participants. If these guidelines present unsolvable problems, please contact co-counsel to discuss a solution. The court will be flexible to constitutionally advance our calendar.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.