

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCED**

**NOTICE to all Litigants and Attorneys Appearing for Family Law Matters in Departments  
7 and 13**

1. Effective June 10, 2024, and continuing until further notice, parties, and attorneys for the parties, are expected to appear in person, unless the person participating in the hearing files a timely notice of their intention to appear remotely as required by the Local Rules of Court. All notices of remote appearance not filed by the time indicated in the Local Rules of Court will require court approval for remote appearance, which may or may not be granted.
2. Due to audiovisual system limitations, parties and counsel appearing remotely in Departments 7 and 13 may participate in telephonic appearance services provided by CourtCall. Information concerning the CourtCall service is available at [www.mercedcourt.ca.gov](http://www.mercedcourt.ca.gov) or by contacting the Family Law Clerk's Office in Merced at (209) 725-4117 or in Los Banos at (209) 725-4124. Remote appearances through other platforms are not permitted.

Arrangements to appear by CourtCall must be made at least three (3) court days prior to the date of appearance. CourtCall requires a fee unless a fee waiver is on file. CourtCall should be set for the time of the hearing unless parties are ordered otherwise by the Court. CourtCall may be reached at (888) 882-6878.

3. All Child Custody Recommending Counseling (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 or address has changed since you last provided information to the Court, please update this information with the Court prior to your mediation. The Clerk's Office will remain open for parties to pick up their CCRC recommendations/rationales or agreements prior to their hearing.