



TIPS FOR REMOTE COURT DATES

GOING TO COURT ON ZOOM OR BY PHONE

The same guidelines for going to court in person apply to appearing for court remotely on Zoom or by phone, including behavior, clothing, and language.

BEFORE COURT

GET READY



Wear clothes that are respectful and make sure you are fully dressed.

Avoid wearing clothes like:

- casual t-shirts
- tank tops
- cut-off shirts
- halter tops
- miniskirts or shorts
- clothes with rips or tears
- clothes with swear words
- clothes with violent or sexual images
- clothes that show or promote drugs or alcohol
- hats or head coverings other than those worn for religious, medical, or cultural reasons



Get a pen and paper to write down instructions and notes from the judge.

Try to find as quiet and private of a place as possible.



Eliminate background noise and anything around you that might be distracting for you or the judge.



GET CONNECTED

Make sure your device is charged or plugged in and your internet is stable.

Log on to Zoom or call in early to make sure your device is working well.

If using video, adjust your camera angle and lighting so you can clearly be seen.

Make sure your name is on the screen (not your cellphone name or number).



GET HELP

For instructions on how to go to remote court dates on Zoom or by phone, go to illinoiscourts.gov/self-help/court-by-phone-or-video/.

For Zoom information (meeting ID & password) for remote court dates, go to cookcountycourt.org/HOME/Zoom-Links

For information and requests for special accommodations (ADA) or interpreters, go to cookcountycourt.org/for-people-without-lawyers



Remember that even if you are unable to follow these tips, you must still appear for court.

DURING COURT

BE RESPECTFUL



Be on time so you don't miss anything for your case or disrupt court.

Wait patiently and don't leave the meeting or call until your case is called.

Be polite and don't talk over the judge or anyone else in court.



Eating, drinking (except water), vaping, smoking, swearing, yelling, and sleeping are not allowed.

BE ALERT



Pay attention and listen or watch for your case to be called.

Be ready to unmute when it's your turn to talk, but stay muted otherwise.

If using video, don't move around and make sure you stay within view.



Don't multitask or do anything else during court, like web browsing, texting, driving, or watching television.

The recording of any court proceeding, including those on Zoom or by phone, is not allowed.