

**MONTEZUMA COUNTY COURT ORDER
REGARDING IN-PERSON AND VIDEO APPEARANCES IN CRIMINAL CASES**

Appearances in Montezuma County Court must comply with the requirements set forth in this order. This order takes effect immediately.

All persons are welcome to appear in person for all appearances. Persons may also appear via interactive video device in county court without seeking advance permission for all settings except for:

1. Probation Revocation Hearings
2. Evidentiary Motion Hearings
3. Jury Trials

Defendants who elect to appear by video for entry of plea, must make arrangements outside of court to complete any paperwork necessary related to the entry of plea **PRIOR TO COURT**. If that has not occurred, then the defendant may not be allowed to appear by video at future court dates.

Defendants who appear by video are waiving the right to appear in person and, if they are not in the same physical location as their attorney, are waiving the right to have their attorney in the same physical location as them. Any defendant who does not want to waive the right to appear in person, may come to court.

All persons who appear by video at any time for any proceeding are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient bandwidth and other technology to support the video appearance, which includes the live stream video of the person appearing. Any persons who do not have adequate technology to do so must appear in person.

No telephone only or audio only appearances will be allowed.

Issued: November 15, 2022

Honorable JenniLynn Lawrence
Montezuma County Court Judge