MAKING VIRTUAL COURT ACCESSIBLE

Virtual appearances can be helpful for people who have trouble getting to the courthouse. But emailing log-in links only works for people with easy access to email, a computer, and a reliable internet connection. Plus, not all jurisdictions are equipped for virtual court. Here are options to make virtual court more accessible.
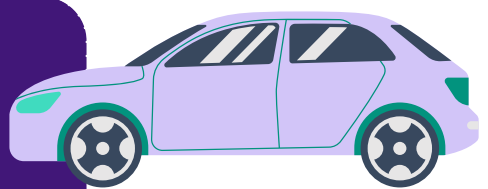
Virtual Court Kiosks

For people who don't have a computer or stable internet connection, you can put kiosks in public places, like libraries, where people can attend court virtually. Kiosks should designed to protect privacy.

Learn about virtual court kiosks in Texas here.

Drive-In Hotspots

Another option for people without an internet connection is drive-in hotspots where they can sit in their cars and log in to hearings.

Learn about drive-in hotspots in Washington State here.

Equip Courthouses

Some jurisdictions may be able to equip their courthouse for virtual court on their own. Others may need support for things like computers, cameras, microphones, and reliable internet.

The North Carolina Courtroom Audio Visual (CRAVE) project is outfitting every NC county for virtual court. Read about it here.