

COVID-19 California Court Updates

This living memorandum tracks COVID-19-related updates and changes in the court system for the following counties: [Alameda](#), [Contra Costa](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Marin](#), [Orange](#), [Sacramento](#), [San Diego](#), [San Francisco](#), [San Mateo](#), [Santa Clara](#), [Santa Cruz](#), [Solano](#), and [Yolo](#).

Alameda

[March 19 Order](#): Early release of 247 individuals from Santa Rita County Jail due to COVID-19 pandemic.

[March 17 Press Release](#): On March 17, 2020, the Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council of California, granted the Alameda County Superior Court's request for an [Emergency Order](#). The Emergency Order is retroactive to March 16, 2020, and confers broad authority upon the Court to take various actions needed to protect the public. Pursuant to that authority:

- All courthouses in Alameda County remain closed to the public for general businesses.
- The days March 17 through April 3, 2020, will be considered court holidays per Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a.¹ Documents will not be received for filing during this time period; the Court's Fax Filing service will be temporarily suspended.
- However, the Court recognizes the urgency types of certain filing. The Court will continue to accept requests for Temporary Restraining Orders and applications for emergency relief in Family Law and Probate matters, via drop box only, at certain listed locations.
- The Court has ordered the stay of all evictions pending between Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, April 8, 2020, because the Clerk's Office will not be open to process unlawful detainer stay requests.

[March 16 Press Release](#): The Court requested an Emergency Order from Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council of California pursuant to Government Code section 68115. The Emergency Order requests permission for the Alameda County Superior Court to close all courthouse locations to the public during the Shelter in Place period, from Tuesday, March 17 through Tuesday, April 7, 2020. During this public closure period, because the Clerk's Office will not be open to process unlawful detainer stay requests, the Court is also ordering the stay of all evictions pending between Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, April 8, 2020, the anticipated reopening date of the Court. Litigants may continue

¹ Code of Civil Procedure section 12 dictates how time to perform any act required by law is to be calculated and specifies that if the last day falls on a holiday, that date is excluded from the time period. Section 12a provides that if the last day is a holiday, the time period is extended to include the next day that is not a holiday.

to electronically file documents in Criminal and Juvenile cases during the closure period. The Alameda County Superior Court warned that processing of Court filings will likely be delayed until after the Court's reopening.

Contra Costa

[March 16 Order Implementing Emergency Relief](#): Exercising the authority granted under the March 13, 2020 Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, the Contra Costa Superior Court orders as follows:

- For purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, the dates from March 16 to April 1, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(4).)
- The time periods provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 to bring an action to trial are extended by at most 15 days for cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 16 and April 1, 2020, inclusive. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(6).)
- The duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire between March 16 and April 1, 2020, inclusive, is extended by not more than 15 days, because the COVID-19 emergency prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(7).)

[March 13 Press Release](#): The Contra Costa County Superior Court will be closed at all locations for approximately two weeks beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. Court locations hope to re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. At the Court's request and as permitted under Government Code section 68115, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court has issued an emergency order providing that, at least until April 1, 2020, court closure will have the effect of being a public holiday as far as statutory or other timelines are concerned. If you have a hearing scheduled during this period, it will be reset to a later date. Notice of the new hearing date will be mailed to you or your attorney.

Los Angeles

[March 22 Press Release](#): Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile today ordered an immediate 3-day closure of the Sylmar Courthouse after a Deputy Public Defender assigned to the Sylmar Courthouse tested positive for COVID-19. The Sylmar Courthouse, which handles Juvenile Delinquency cases exclusively in two courtrooms, will re-open on Thursday, March 26, 2020. Judges, Attorneys, Courtroom Staff and Bailiff Must Quarantine for 14 Days.

[March 20 Press Release](#): Effective March 23, 2020, and until further notice, the Los Angeles Superior Court will close the Clerk's Offices at all 38 courthouses in response to the COVID-19 public health threat. Most courthouses, except the Beverly Hills and Catalina courthouses, will remain open for time-sensitive, essential court hearings and matters in accordance with Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile's General Orders. The Court is establishing telephone numbers and other means for litigants, counsel and the public to conduct limited, time-sensitive and essential services. Special provisions will be made for the filing and processing of Restraining Orders, ex parte proceedings in Family Law, Probate and Civil, and certain types of Emergency Writ Petitions. For individuals needing to file court documents, drop boxes will be set up at the entrances to all courthouses. If a conformed copy of the filed documents is

needed, leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the filing. No cash will be accepted at the drop boxes, only credit cards and checks. The documents will be deemed filed same-day if received by 4:30 p.m. Drop boxes will be checked frequently.

[March 19 Administrative Order](#): This Order amends General Order 4, issued on March 17, 2020, to delete certain subdivisions and retroactively add the following subdivisions:

- Emergency Protective Orders
- Proceeding under the Lanterman-Petris-Short ("LPS") Act
- The duration of any emergency protective order that would otherwise expire because the emergency condition requiring all courthouses be closed to the public prevented the party from obtaining a temporary restraining order in a timely manner is extended to March 20, 2020.
- Courthouses providing time-sensitive, essential services will be open beginning on March 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. All courthouses will be open beginning on March 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., except for Beverly Hills and Catalina. This schedule will be amended as circumstances change.
- In light of Governor Newsom's Executive Order urging emergency action to promote housing stability and security, the moratoriums on evictions imposed in both the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles, and the court's inability to hold unlawful detainer related hearings throughout the emergency period, the court finds good cause to continue all unlawful detainer trials without a determination pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1170.5(c).

[March 19 Press Release](#): Although 36 of 38 courthouses in Los Angeles County will re-open March 20, trial court operations will be downsized and scaled back due to the closure of nearly 400 courtrooms starting Friday, March 20. A new "Administrative Order of the Presiding Judge re: COVID-19 Pandemic" retroactively amends the previous emergency order, and remains in effect until April 16. In the amended Order, the Court finds good cause to continue all Unlawful Detainer trials without a determination pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1170.5(c). The amended Order also retroactively adds emergency protective orders, to the list of time sensitive, essential functions. The Order also retroactively amends the original order by clarifying that the duration of any emergency protective order that would otherwise expire because the emergency condition prevented the party from obtaining a temporary restraining order in a timely manner is extended to March 20, 2020. Through April 16:

- All Civil and Criminal jury and non-jury trials are suspended.
- No pre-trial conferences will be held

[March 18 Press Release](#): Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile today announced that effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all Traffic and Non-Traffic Infraction court hearings, including trials, arraignments and other Infraction appearances, scheduled between March 17 and April 16, 2020, will be continued for at least 30 days.

[March 17 Administrative Order](#): The Los Angeles County Superior Court orders as follows:

- March 17 to March 19, 2020, inclusive, for purposes of computing time for filing papers under Code of Civil Procedure Sections 12 and 12(a), are deemed holidays.

- March 17 to March 19, 2020, inclusive, for the purpose of computing time under the Penal Code, the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Government Code and the Code of Civil Procedure, and any other statutory deadlines, are deemed holidays.
- March 17 to March 19, 2020, inclusive, all courthouses shall be closed to the public.
- From March 20 until April 16, 2020, inclusive, all courtrooms will remain closed for judicial business, except for the following time-sensitive, essential functions:
 - Civil Temporary Restraining Orders.
 - Family Temporary Restraining Orders.
 - Civil Ex Parte Proceedings.
 - Family Ex Parte Proceedings.
 - Probate Ex Parte Hearings.
 - Probate Emergency Petitions for Temporary Conservatorship or Guardianship.
 - Petitions for Writ Seeking Emergency Relief in Misdemeanor, Limited Civil and Infractions.
 - Emergency Writs Challenging COVID-19 Emergency Measures.
- Notice is hereby given that all other matters have been continued by the Court. The parties shall receive further notice stating the specific time and date of the continuance in their cases.
- Pursuant to the authority granted in Government Code section 68115, the court extends the following deadlines for the period March 17 to April 16, 2020, inclusive:
 - Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial has been extended by 30 days.
 - The duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire because the emergency condition prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether the permanent order should be entered is extended by 21 days.
- Further, the court declares that March 17 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure 1167 (five-day period within which defendant must respond to a complaint in unlawful detainer action).
- Further, the court declares that March 17 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time under Code of Civil Procedure 116.330(a) (requires a small claims matter to be scheduled for hearing no earlier than 20 days but not more than 70 days from the date of the order directing the parties to appear at the hearing).
- Courthouses providing time-sensitive, essential services will be open beginning on March 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

- Any judge of the Court may extend the time periods provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, in cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 16 and April 16, 2020, inclusive.
- This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until April 16, 2020 and may be amended as circumstances require.

[March 15 Press Release](#): Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile today announced the Court will begin scaling down operations tomorrow to achieve social distancing in all 38 courthouses. Over the weekend, Presiding Judge Brazile notified the Judges of the Los Angeles County bench that:

- No new jurors will be summoned for any Civil or Criminal jury trials for the next 30 days.
- The trial Judge for any jury trial in session may exercise his or her discretion to either continue the trial or declare a mistrial.
- The trial Judge for any non-jury trial in session may exercise his or her discretion to either continue the trial or declare a mistrial.

[March 13 Update](#): If you are a party to a case, an attorney, or a witness and do not feel well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, and are scheduled for a court hearing, please contact the courtroom where your matter is being heard. Court users who do not feel well or believe they have been exposed to COVID19 should not come to the courthouse.

[March 13 Press Release](#): Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile announced recommendations for all judges and commissioners that, effective Monday, March 16, 2020:

- All new Civil jury trials should be continued for at least 30 days and all preference jury trials should be continued for at least 15 days.
- New jury panel requests should be limited in the next 30 days due to concerns about juror availability.

[Website Update](#): Los Angeles County Courthouses are closed to the public from March 17 through March 19, 2020.

Marin

[March 17 Order](#): This Administrative Order supplements the March 16 Order. It allows for judges to extend certain time periods provided in the Welfare and Institutions Code related to minors and in the Penal Code.

[March 16 Order](#): Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March 16, 2020 Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, effective immediately through April 7, 2020, this Court orders:

- The Marin County Superior Court will be closed for all non-essential matters from 12:01 a.m., March 17 to 11:59 p.m., April 7, 2020, subject to modification at the discretion of the Presiding Judge.

- During this period, all courtrooms and clerk's offices will remain closed, except for one criminal arraignment courtroom, one Family Law and Civil courtroom for all types of emergency restraining orders and other emergency orders, and one juvenile delinquency and dependency courtroom.
- For purposes of computing time for filing papers under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, March 17 to March 30, 2020, inclusive are deemed holidays. (Gov. Code §68115(a)(4).)
- Any judge may extend the duration of any restraining order that would expire on or before April 7, 2020 by 21 days. (Gov. Code §68115(a)(7).)
- All Civil and Small Claims matters and hearings and trials scheduled in the next 90 days will be continued. Civil law and motion calendars will be heard at the discretion of the assigned judge.
- All Probate matters will be rescheduled and continued.

March 15 Update: Effective March 16:

- Marin County Superior Court has requested Emergency Orders from the Chief Justice consistent with California Government Code section 68115.
- All Civil and Small Claims matters and hearings and trials scheduled in the next 90 days will be continued. Civil law and motion calendars will be at the discretion of the assigned judge.
- All Probate matters will be rescheduled and continued.
- Self-Help Office will physically be closed, but accessible by email and phone, both of which will be checked and answered.
- The court's jury office is closed and no jurors will be needed the week of March 16th.
- For any needed court appearances, telephonic appearances are encouraged.
- Non-essential jury trials will be rescheduled and continued. For the limited number of essential trials, the court is working with counsel and litigants to minimize the need to call in jurors, reduce the number of jurors summoned, and comply with CDC and Marin County Public Health guidelines concerning safe distances and assemblies. The Court is also granting requests for deferrals and postponements remotely -- even for jurors who have previously made such a request -- for all potential jurors who are high risk or under medical or other business directives.

March 13 Update: At this time, there are no changes to normal court operations within the Court. The Court is granting requests for deferrals and postponements remotely -- even for jurors who have previously made such a request -- for all potential jurors who are high risk or under medical or other business directives.

Orange

[March 23 Amended Probate Order](#): All hearing dates on any probate cases set during the next 60 days are deemed vacated and will be reset for a date beyond 60 days. Special letters of administration, temporary letters of guardianship, temporary letters of conservatorship, and interim trustee appointments which may otherwise expire during this time period are extended until a date to be determined when the hearing is reset. Notice will be provided to all parties. Although hearings may continue to display as calendared in electronic online case access, no hearings will be conducted during the closure period.

[March 23 Amended Civil Order](#): All hearing dates on any civil cases set during the next 60 days (including court and jury trials in progress or calendared to begin during this timeframe) are deemed vacated and will be reset for a date beyond 60 days. Notice will be provided to all parties. Although hearings may continue to display as calendared in electronic online case access, no hearings will be conducted during the court closure period.

[March 20 Update](#): Revised criminal and traffic plans during closure.

[March 19 News Release](#): – In response to the health concerns raised by the coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic, Orange County Superior Court will be closed at all locations, from Tuesday, March 17 through Friday, March 27, 2020. For purposes of computing certain court-related deadlines, the closure will be considered a public holiday. For Civil and Small Claims, the court will be available for the following:

- Civil Temporary Restraining Orders.
- Emergency Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO).
- Emergency Ex-parte Lock-out Matters (Unlawful Detainer).
- Emergency Civil Temporary Injunctions (CRC 3.1150).

Requests can be submitted via email or by paper filing. All other Civil matters scheduled within the closure period will be continued by the court, with notice to all parties, as follows:

- OSC Re Civil Harassment will be extended and rescheduled for 14 days.
- OSC Re GVRO will be extended and rescheduled for 14 days.
- All other Civil matters, including Unlawful Detainer matters, will be rescheduled to a date after March 27, 2020.

The News Release also provides updates for probate/mental health, family law, and juvenile matters.

[March 16 Order](#): This Court finds and orders:

- The Court declares that March 17 through March 27, 2020 are holidays for purposes of computing time to file papers with the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(4).)
- The Court extends the time periods provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 to bring an action to trial by not more than fourteen days. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(6).) This extension applies only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 17 and March 27, 2020, inclusive.

- The Court extends by not more than fourteen days any restraining order that would otherwise expire between March 17 and March 27, 2020, inclusive. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(7).)
- This Order provides the maximum length of constitutionally permitted continuance days authorized by the March 16, 2020 Order issued by the Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. Any conflicts in the above language are to be resolved in favor of granting the lengthier of the continuance options.

Sacramento

[March 22 Update](#): As a result of the Presiding Judge's Order, and because this department cannot absolutely guarantee that Mandatory Settlement Conference's in Department 59 can be properly staffed on 17 April, Supervising Judge Hon. Ben Davidian has vacated all Mandatory Settlement Conferences, and their corresponding trial dates, and has returned the cases to the Trial Setting Program. This order applies to all MSC's scheduled from this date to and including May 1, 2020. If a case has previously been granted preference, or if there is another legal reason why it should proceed as previously scheduled, parties are instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the Hon. Ben Davidian, or to the attention of the Presiding Judge, as soon as possible. The voluntary settlement conference ("VSC") program is hereby suspended indefinitely.

[March 19 Order](#): This Court orders:

- March 20, 2020 to March 30, 2020, inclusive are court holidays for all purposes, except for the listed limited emergency matters.
- All courthouses and courtrooms are closed for judicial business, except for the following matters, which will use the special procedures announced by the Court:
 - Ex parte requests for civil harassment temporary restraining orders, domestic violence restraining orders, gun violence restraining orders, and emergency ex parte lockout proceedings in unlawful detainer.
 - Emergency writs regarding COVID-19 emergency measures.
- All criminal and civil matters not expressly exempted are suspended until further order of this Court.
- To the extent the directives and declarations set forth in this Order differ with the Court's prior Order for Implementation of Emergency Relief, this Order controls.

[March 17 Order](#): This Court orders:

- March 18 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, are deemed holidays.
- From March 18 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, all courtrooms will remain closed, except for the following time-sensitive, essential functions:
 - Civil Temporary Restraining Orders, including Gun Violence Restraining Orders

- Civil Ex Parte Requests for Emergency Relief
- Family Ex Parte Proceedings
- Probate Ex Parte Hearings
- All other matters have been continued by the Court. The parties shall receive further notice stating the specific time and date of the continuance in their cases.
- The Court extends the following deadlines between March 18 and April 16, 2020, inclusive:
 - Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 deadlines to bring an action to trial have been extended by 30 days. This extension applies only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 18 and April 16, 2020, inclusive.
 - The duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire because the emergency condition prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether the permanent order should be entered is extended by 15 days. This applies only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 18 and April 16, 2020, inclusive.
- March 18 to April 16, 2020, inclusive, are holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure 1167 (five-day period to respond to an unlawful detainer complaint).
- Any judge may extend the time periods provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days for cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 18 and April 16, 2020, inclusive.
- This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until April 16, 2020.

San Diego

[March 19 Update](#): The San Diego Superior Court has suspended all non-emergency services between March 17 and April 3, 2020. All court days between March 17 and April 3, 2020, inclusive, are a court holiday for purposes of computing time pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a. The following services will be available during this time period:

- Chamber ex parte requests for civil harassment TROs, DVTROs, and Gun Violence Protective Orders.
- Emergency ex parte lockout proceedings (Unlawful Detainer).
- One Probate judge will be available to cover emergency conservatorships and other emergency orders in Probate.
- Petitions for writ seeking emergency relief in unlawful detainer matters.

- Emergency writs challenging COVID-19 emergency measures.

The following civil services are suspended from March 17 and April 3, 2020:

- All Civil proceedings except matters described above.
- All Unlawful Detainer matters will be rescheduled except matters described above.
- E-Filing and in-person filings are suspended.
- All Temporary Restraining Orders that would otherwise expire between March 17, 2020 and April 6, 2020, inclusive, will be extended by 30 days, and a new Restraining Order hearing date will be set. For all such cases, the Court will be issuing orders continuing existing orders and assigning a new hearing date.

[March 18 Order](#): This Court orders:

- March 17 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a.
- March 17 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under the Penal Code, the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Probate Code, the Government Code, the Code of Civil Procedure, any other statutory deadlines, and any deadlines established by case law.
- From March 17 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, all courthouses and courtrooms will be closed to the public, except with regard to the following time-sensitive, essential functions:
 - Chamber Ex-Parte requests for Civil Harassment Temporary Restraining Orders, Domestic Violence Temporary Restraining Orders, and Gun Violence Protective Orders.
 - Emergency Ex-Parte Lockout Proceedings (Unlawful Detainer).
 - Emergency Probate Orders, including Emergency Conservatorships and Emergency Guardianships.
 - Petitions for Writ Seeking Emergency Relief in Unlawful Detainer matters.
 - Emergency Writs Challenging COVID-19 Emergency Measures.
 - Such other matters that the court subsequently finds to be necessary and essential, which will be set forth in an Addendum to this Order if the court makes such findings.
- To the extent the Court accepts and/or processes filings associated with the time-sensitive, essential functions described above or performs preliminary administrative work on files to prepare for the resumption of services, such acceptance and/or processing shall not alter the designation and application of the court holidays and extensions provided by this Order.
- All other matters have been continued by the Court.

- The court extends the time periods provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 for a period of 30 days for those cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 17 and April 6, 2020, inclusive.
- For any temporary restraining orders that would otherwise expire between March 17 and April 6, 2020, inclusive, the court extends the duration of such restraining orders by 30 days.
- The court declares that March 17 to April 3, 2020, inclusive, are holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure section 1167 (five-day period to respond to an unlawful detainer complaint).

[March 16 Update](#): The San Diego Superior Court has suspended all non-emergency services effective March 17 to April 3, 2020. Except as provided below, the court will be closed to:

- All civil proceedings.
- All Unlawful Detainer .
- All Probate hearings.

The court will be available for:

- Chamber ex-parte requests for civil harassment TROs, DVTROs, and Gun Violence Protective Orders at each branch.
- Emergency ex-parte lockout proceedings (Unlawful Detainer).
- One Probate judge will be available to cover emergency conservatorship and other emergency orders in Probate.

[March 13 Press Release](#): To reduce the need for jurors, the Court is postponing all Civil Court Jury Trials Downtown and in North County currently set to commence on or before March 31, 2020.

San Francisco

[March 17 Update](#): The Court closed 75% of courtrooms, all clerk's offices, and the ACCESS Center for 30 days. The Court will reduce the number of jurors, parties, and attorneys in the Court from March 17 to April 15, 2020. The following rules apply to civil trials:

- All civil trials currently set between Tuesday, March 1, and Wednesday, April 15, 2020, will be continued on a rolling basis for 90 days from the currently scheduled trial date.
- Law & Motion: all attorneys and parties are required to appear by telephone. Telephone appearances must be arranged in advance through Court Call by calling 1-888-88-COURT.
- All unlawful detainer cases, including trials, motions, discovery, and ex parte applications, with the exception of unlawful detainer cases resulting from violence, threats of violence, or health and safety issues, will be stayed for 90 days. Parties in all

matters that are not stayed may appear by telephone. Telephone appearances must be arranged through Court Call by calling 1-888-88-COURT.

- All small claims motions, trials, and appeals will be continued to a future date. Notice of the new date will be mailed to all parties.
- The Clerk's Office will be closed between Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, April 15, 2020. A drop box is available for new and subsequent filings in the lobby of the Civic Center Courthouse and will be checked throughout each court day.

San Mateo

March 19 Order: The Court orders the following with respect to unlawful detainer proceedings and judgments, effective March 18, 2020:

- For unlawful detainer matters, March 18 through March 31, 2020, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(4).)
- Between March 18 and April 7, 2020, no default shall be entered in a pending unlawful detainer matter.
- Between March 18 and April 7, 2020, no writ of possession for real property shall be issued in a pending unlawful detainer matter.
- Execution of any previously issued writ of possession for real property is hereby stayed between March 18 and April 7, 2020, and no payment or undertaking shall be owed for this period by any Defendant.
- All Mandatory Settlement Conferences in unlawful detainer matters shall be scheduled for April 9, 2020 or thereafter.
- No new unlawful detainer trials are to be assigned to trial courts until April 13, 2020.
- The dates in this Order may be extended if public safety warrants it.

March 17 Order: Effective March 16, 2020, the Court orders:

- Court sessions may be held anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, between March 16 and through April 14, 2020, inclusive. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(l).)
- March 16 through March 31, 2020 are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(4).)
- Time periods in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 to bring an action to trial are extended by 30 days; this section applies only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire between March 16 and April 14, 2020, inclusive. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(6).)

- The duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire between March 16 and April 14, 2020, inclusive, is extended up to 30 days, because the COVID-19 emergency prevents the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(7).) The exact extension will be determined by the judge who presides over the matter.
- All trials currently in session are hereby suspended until April 13, 2020. No new trials are to be assigned to trial courts until April 13, 2020. This paragraph does not apply to Juvenile Jurisdictional Trials, and Family Law matters.

[March 16 Press Release](#): Presiding Judge Jonathan E. Karesh ordered that all trials be suspended for up to 30 days and the time limits on conducting preliminary hearings be continued from ten court days to 15 court days. In addition, the Presiding Judge ordered the following matters be continued or rescheduled:

- All Civil and Small Claims matters.
- Nearly all Family Law and Probate Hearings

With few exceptions, the Court will be closed to the public beginning Tuesday, March 17 and continuing through Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Suspension of trials and all traffic matters will take effect immediately. All other changes will take effect Wednesday March 18, 2020. Litigants who have misdemeanor arraignments or misdemeanor pre-trial conferences, Family Law, Probate, Civil, Small Claims, or Traffic hearings scheduled between Monday, March 16 and April 15, 2020 will be notified by mail of their new court date.

Santa Clara

[March 17 Press Release](#): Following guidelines provided by the County of Santa Clara's "shelter in place" orders, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the Santa Clara County Superior Court has suspended all non-essential functions for three weeks or until such time as the order is lifted. All clerk's office functions will be closed to the public while the order remains in place.

[March 16 Order](#): Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan entered an order that any judge of the Superior Court may extend by not more than 21 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire between March 16 and April 5, 2020.

[March 13 Press Release](#): At the direction of Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan and for the health and safety of all users of the Court, effective March 16 through April 5, 2020, the following matters will be rescheduled:

- Civil and Probate Jury and Court Trials, except for ongoing trials.
- Many Family Hearings
- Unlawful Detainer Matters

Santa Cruz

[March 23 Update](#): Changes to superior court hours and services are effective March 24, 2020. Santa Cruz Superior Court Clerk's Office 110 and Room 120: 8:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. Watsonville Court clerk office hours on Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Traffic, criminal, small claims, and most family law court hearings have been moved past April 24. Court hearings for restraining orders and Ex Parte matters and some Family Law matters will remain on calendar for hearings.

[March 19 Update](#): Effective Tuesday, March 24, the Watsonville Court Building will close at 12 noon, through April 10, 2020. The clerk's office will be open 8:00 -11:30 a.m. The Self Help Center will be open 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. All afternoon court dates will be continued and notice will be sent. All restraining order hearings will be heard as set. If someone cannot come to the court at the set time, he or she can call or email the family law clerk's office to request a continuance. The court Self Help Center will make sure all needed continuance paperwork is prepared.

[March 18 Order](#): This Court orders:

- Any judge of the Court may extend by not more than 30 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire between March 17 and April 16, 2020 because the COVID-19 emergency prevented the Court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7).)
- In cases in which the statutory deadline will expire between March 17 and March 20, 2020, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than seven days. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8).)

[March 18 Update](#): All civil matters (other than trials) will remain as set with the directive that the parties must appear by CourtCall. Attorneys are encouraged to submit stipulations to continue such hearings. Court will still have an in-person calendar to assist any self-represented litigants and focus on continuing cases. No civil mediations will take place in the next 30 days.

Solano

[March 19 Update](#): Effective March 20:

- Filings in Fairfield and Vallejo courthouses will be accepted via the drop-box. The clerk's office will not be open for in-person processing.
- The Court will continue to process requests for Temporary Restraining Orders, including domestic violence, civil harassment and elder abuse orders, and requests for emergency relief in Civil and Probate matters. Hearings currently scheduled for these matters will remain as scheduled unless case-specific arrangements are made with the scheduled department.
- Civil matters scheduled between March 20 and April 5, 2020 will be continued. All civil jury and court trials, including small claims and unlawful detainer hearings, set between March 20 and April 5, 2020 are continued. The court will provide notice of the continued hearing date. Any civil case which required publication of notice by newspaper will remain on calendar.

[March 17 Order](#): This Court orders that all judges and commissioners of the Solano County Superior Court are authorized to issued such orders as needed, and as are appropriate to implement the emergency order. Each judge or commissioner will implement the order on a case-by-case basis. The Court remains open until further notice.

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[March 18 Order](#): This Court orders:

- For purposes of computing time for filing papers with the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, March 17 to April 1, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4).)
- In cases in which the statutory deadlines will expire between March 17 and April 16, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time periods provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6).)
- Any judge of the Court may extend by not more than 30 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire between March 17 and April 16, 2020, inclusive, because the COVID-19 emergency prevented the Court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered. (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7).)

[March 17 Reduced Calendar Schedule](#): Setting cases:

- All Family/Civil/Probate – non-urgent – continued seven weeks
- Urgent, ex parte Family/Civil/Probate – heard on D-2 calendar at 9:00 am
- Unlawful Detainers – continued past May 31, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order.
- Any urgent matter not covered by this Order will be assigned by the Presiding Judge or designee.

[March 17 Memorandum](#): Yolo Superior Court has implemented an Emergency Order signed by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye. The Court is operating only essential calendar functions and only has limited onsite staff to handle operations. These procedures will remain in effect until at least April 15, 2020. The Court has implemented an email process to file authorized pleadings, including in-custody criminal complaints and felony informations, violation of probation associated with a new complaint, juvenile court detaining petitions, requests for emergency orders and urgent calendar matters. The email address for filing is exparte@yolo.courts.ca.gov. No other filings, except as noted above, are being accepted at this time.