



Placer Superior Court

COVID-19 COURT SERVICES PLAN FOR FAMILY LAW

The Placer Superior Court is developing plans for resuming services impacted by the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The COVID-19 Court Services Plan is subject to change and may be updated at any time. More detailed information and specifics on the total operational status of the court is available on the court's COVID-19 website: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-covid-19.shtml>. Physical distancing will remain in effect and all parties and attendees must adhere to public health guidelines and orders.

****Parties may request an in-person appearance for any hearing where remote appearance is mandatory.****

Plan as of: April 29, 2020

CURRENT STATUS

Reduced operations to critical minimum functions. See details outlined in the Court's 4/8/20 notice.

Thru 5/8/20

PHASE 1A

Judicial Holiday ends; default judgment processing resumes.
Mandatory eDelivery begins for represented parties and attorneys.

5/11/20

PHASE 1B

Request for order hearings, including DCSS and contempt, resume. Mandatory telephone appearance for all hearings, except for restraining orders. Video appearance may be available for restraining orders.

5/11/20

PHASE 2

Trial confirming conferences resume, mandatory telephone appearance except for restraining orders. Mandatory settlement conferences resume, video appearance required. Optional settlement conference program added for trials impacted March to May.

*** 5/22/20**

*** Date is contingent on status of and restrictions related to Public Health or Governor's Stay at Home Orders.**

PHASE 3

Family Law trials resume. Remote options may be available. Historic Courthouse reopens, with potential restrictions that follow public health guidelines.

*** June**

PHASE 4

Removal of mandatory remote appearance for cases involving children.

*** TBD**

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PHASE 5

Return of 18 Month FCCR, potentially remote only.

*** 8/4/20**

PHASE 6 & BEYOND

Consideration begins for:
Return of in-person mediation and mandatory settlement conferences.
Return of in-person 6 and 12 month FCCR.
Removal of mandatory remote appearance.

*** TBD**

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