



Superior Court of the State of California
In and For The County of Placer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 3, 2020**

The Superior Court of Placer County is announcing changes to its operations, effective August 3, 2020. Due to the ongoing concerns regarding community spread of COVID-19 in Placer County:

- Jury trials will not be held between August 3, 2020 and August 28, 2020.
- With the exception of arraignments and trial assignment hearings, the court will postpone all hearings in misdemeanor cases, **excluding driving under the influence, domestic violence and traffic cases**, set between August 3, 2020, and August 28, 2020, in which the defendant is not in custody. Cases will be reset to an available date at least eight weeks from the currently scheduled court date.
- Traffic Misdemeanor trials set August 3, 2020 through August 28, 2020 will be postponed to an available date at least eight weeks from the currently scheduled court date.
- Family centered case resolution conferences set August 3, 2020 through August 28, 2020 will be postponed to an available date at least eight weeks from the currently scheduled court date.

These actions are in addition to the following actions announced on July 9, 2020:

- The court will postpone all traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction pre-trial matters set July 13, 2020 through August 28, 2020 to an available date at least sixteen weeks from the currently scheduled court date. The July 9, 2020 public notice provides additional detail on options available to defendants in traffic matters.

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- The court will postpone all traffic misdemeanor pre and post-trial hearings set July 13, 2020 through August 28, 2020 to an available date at least sixteen weeks from the currently scheduled court date.
- All traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction trials set July 13, 2020 through August 28, 2020 will be postponed to a date at least eight weeks from the currently scheduled court date.
- All small claims cases will be held remotely, effective July 20, 2020. Parties unable to appear via remote technology must request an in-person appearance ([PL-CV014 Personal Appearance Request Form](#)), subject to judicial approval. Please see the court's remote appearance website for more details <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>.

The court finds it necessary to implement these changes due to the substantial increase in COVID-19 cases in Placer County. As of July 28, 2020. Placer County Public Health reported:

- A case rate of more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over the past 14 days. A rate which does not meet the objectives set by the California Department of Public Health.
- Positive COVID-19 seven day average testing positivity rate of over 8%. A rate which does not meet the objectives set by the California Department of Public Health.
- Intensive care unit bed availability at or approaching zero. A rate which does not meet the objectives set by the California Department of Public Health.
- Overall hospital bed capacity at or approaching zero, without implementing surge capacity measures.
- An overall 50% increase in COVID-19 cases over the past 14 days.

The Placer Superior Court continues to consult with Placer County Public Health officials to enable informed decision-making in our effort to balance the delivery of mandated services while minimizing the health risks to the public, court users, system partners, court staff, and judicial officers.

The court will continue to monitor the situation to determine if further limitations on services are warranted. The court intends to evaluate whether to extend the measures outlined in this public notice every two weeks.

In addition to the above, the following additional restrictions remain in effect:

- Remote appearance is required for most civil, probate, and family law hearings, excluding trials. Please see Emergency Local Rules for details.
- Remote appearance is available, upon request, for most pre-trial criminal hearings. Remote appearance for preliminary hearings is subject to judicial approval.

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- eDelivery is **mandatory** in family law and civil cases for attorneys and represented parties. Unrepresented parties are encouraged to use the eDelivery system. For more information on eDelivery and how to use the eDelivery system, please visit <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/online-edelivery-access.shtml>.
- The State Department of Public Health has mandated face coverings for anyone entering a public building, including courthouses. Physical distancing protocols have been implemented in the courthouses.
- The court's Self-Help Center has discontinued all in-person services. Please visit the Self-Help Center page on our website to schedule a telephone or video appointment. Self-Help will only assist with matters currently being heard by the court.
- Modified practices remain in effect for those called to jury service, once jury service resumes. For more information, please visit: http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/public_notice/COVID/QAJury%20Duty_Eff.%205%2028%202020.pdf.

The court reminds members of the public that they should only come to the courthouse for official court business or to observe a court hearing. The court continues to strongly discourage individuals who do not have an active role in court hearings from attending court at this time. However, court proceedings will remain open to the public and media who choose to attend.

If you believe you are sick, or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at 916-408-6000 for further information. If you have an attorney, contact your attorney first before calling the court. Defendants who have posted bail are encouraged to discuss the bail issues with their attorney and the bail bonding company.

For information on specific cases, please visit the court's website or call 916-408-6000.