



Superior Court of the State of California
In and For The County of Placer
Roseville, California

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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
UPDATED JUNE 4, 2021**

The Superior Court of Placer County is announcing updates to operational and service changes made due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The changes announced today are expected to remain in effect, so long as they remain consistent with law, until further notice and may remain in effect after the end of the current state of emergency.

On March 9, 2020, the Superior Court of Placer County announced the first changes in its operations due to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. The first notice expanded available telephone hearings and modified self-help services. Today's notice, roughly 15 months after the first change in court services, represents the 56th notice from this court in response to the pandemic. The court has continued to remain open throughout the pandemic with varying levels of service and operations in response to guidance from local public health authorities in an effort to balance the obligations to provide access to justice with the need to protect the health of the public, parties, attorneys and justice agency staff entering our courthouses, along with the health and safety of our judicial officers, employees, and court security.

The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) announcement that it will terminate the tier system defined in California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, effective June 15, 2021, signals a major change to our collective response to the pandemic. In recognition of that change, and following discussions with local public health officials, the Superior Court of Placer County is adopting the following changes to its operations:

Effective June 15, 2021

The court is revising mitigation procedures implemented as a result of COVID-19:

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- Jury selection will resume at the Historic Courthouse in Auburn and North Lake Tahoe and will continue to be held at the Gibson Courthouse in Roseville. The court will discontinue use of the Dietrich Theater at Sierra College as an off-site jury selection location.
- Occupancy and seating in all courtrooms and lobbies will be returned to normal.
- Individuals entering court facilities must continue to follow [state masking guidelines](#) issued by the CDPH when in court facilities. Current CDPH guidelines, as of the date of this notice, require face coverings when indoors with limited exceptions.

Effective June 21, 2021

Effective June 21, 2021, the court will remove all mandatory remote appearances with the exception of those that existed prior to the pandemic for certain mental health proceedings and those that are necessary to support COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts implemented in correctional facilities.

Eligibility for voluntary remote appearances are defined by case type and hearing type. Many hearing types allow parties and attorneys to appear remotely without seeking judicial approval. Trials, in most case types, are defined as a mandatory in-person appearance with a process for requesting judicial approval for a remote appearance in extraordinary circumstances. Details for remote appearances for each case type are provided in the attached Remote Appearance fact sheets.

The Court will also be posting the following updates to explain remote appearance guidelines going forward:

- Updated Emergency Local Rule 10.28, effective June 21, 2021, will be posted on June 11, 2021 and can be found here: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-local-rules.shtml>
- Updated Local Forms will be posted on the website on June 11, 2021. Once posted, they can be found on the Court's Local Forms webpage: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/forms-filing-forms.shtml>.
- The Court's Remote Appearance webpage (<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>) will be updated to reflect the approach outlined in the attached fact sheets on June 18, 2021.

The court anticipates moving the Emergency Rules, as adopted effective June 21, 2021, into its non-emergency Local Rules no more than 90 days following the end of the declared COVID-19 state of emergency so long as these rules are consistent with then applicable laws and California Rules of Court.

The court's Self-Help Center has transitioned to primarily remote services. The court does not anticipate a return to primarily in-person services at this time. Please visit the Self-Help Center page on our website to schedule a telephone or video appointment. Future changes to in-person services will be announced on the court's website.

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

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



Remote Appearances: Civil & Probate

Effective June 21, 2021

Mandatory In Person Appearances



Event Types

Civil Harassment Hearings/Trials
Court Trials *
Jury Trials
LPS Hearings
Order of Examinations
Small Claims
Trial De Novo

** Including any Probate and Unlawful Detainer trials.*

Process

In unusual or extraordinary circumstances, parties and attorneys may ask the Court for leave to file a request for a judicially approved remote appearance after notice to the other party.

Remote Appearance: Approval & Notice Required



Event Types

Matters where Judicial Officer grants leave to submit a request to appear remotely
Video
Settlement Conferences
Witnesses at Court Trials

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer after proper notice to opposing party. Parties and attorneys file a request form and serve the opposing party. Opposing party may file an opposition. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: Approval Required



Event Types

Video
Adoptions

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Parties and attorneys file a request form and, if approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: No Approval Required



Event Types

Telephone
Case Management Conferences
Civil Law & Motion
Civil Trial Conferences
Ex Partes
Probate, Conservatorship, & Guardianship Hearings
Video & Evidence
Small Claims
Default Judgments

Process

Remote appearance is allowed without judicial approval. Parties and attorneys MUST schedule their own remote appearance no later than one (1) court day before the hearing.

Mandatory Video Appearance



Event Types

Mental Health Writs from Local Hospital (Cirby Hills)

Process

Remote appearance is mandatory for all parties. If the parties would like to appear in person, it must be authorized by a judicial officer using a request form.



Remote Appearances: Criminal

Effective June 21, 2021

Mandatory In Person Appearances



Event Types

Attorneys, Defendants, and Witnesses

Court and Jury Trials
Preliminary Hearings

Defendants
Arraignments

Collaborative Courts
Sentencings
Surrender on Warrants
VOP Hearings

Process

In unusual or extraordinary circumstances, attorneys and/or defendants who represent themselves may request to appear remotely subject to due process considerations and approval by a judicial officer.

Remote Appearance: Approval & Notice Required



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Attorneys or defendants who represent themselves must file a request form and serve the opposing side. Opposing party may file opposition. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: Approval Required



Event Types

Defendants
Pre and Post Trial Law and Motion and Status Conferences

Post Judgment Proof Hearings

Witnesses
Mental Health Court Trials

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Attorneys or defendants who represent themselves file a request form. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: No Approval Required



Event Types

Attorneys
Pre and Post Trial Law and Motion and Status Conferences

Defendants
Probation Transfer Outs

Victims
Any Pretrial, Sentencing or Post Trial Hearing

Process

Remote appearance is allowed without judicial approval. Attorneys or defendants who represent themselves file a request form no later than five (5) court days before the hearing to be scheduled by staff.

Mandatory Video Appearance



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is mandatory for defendants. If the defendant would like to appear in person, it must be authorized by a judicial officer using a request form.



Remote Appearances: Family Law and Child Support (DCSS)

Effective June 21, 2021

<p>Mandatory In Person Appearances</p> 	<p>Remote Appearance: Approval & Notice Required</p> 	<p>Remote Appearance: Approval Required</p> 	<p>Remote Appearance: No Approval Required</p> 	<p>Mandatory Video Appearance</p> 
<p>Event Types</p> <p>Contempt Hearings/Trials</p> <p>Default Judgments</p> <p>Family Law and D.C.S.S. Evidentiary Hearings & Trials</p> <p>Fee Waiver Hearings</p> <p>Restraining Order Hearings/Trials</p> <p>Settlement Conferences</p>	<p>Event Types</p> <p>Trial Confirming Conference</p> <p>Matters where Judicial Officer grants leave to submit a request to appear remotely</p>	<p>Event Types</p> <p>Emergency Request Hearings</p> <p>Order Shortening Time Hearings</p> <p>UCCJEA Hearings</p>	<p>Event Types</p> <p>Child Support (D.C.S.S.) Hearings</p> <p>Family Centered Case Resolution Conferences</p> <p>Request for Order Hearings **</p> <p>Trial Assignment</p> <p><i>** Including any continued hearings following the initial hearing on the R.F.O.</i></p>	<p>Event Types</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Process</p> <p><i>In unusual or extraordinary circumstances, parties and attorneys may request leave of court to file a request for a judicially approved remote appearance.</i></p>	<p>Process</p> <p><i>Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer after proper notice to opposing party. Parties and attorneys file a request form and serve the opposing party. Opposing party may file an opposition. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.</i></p>	<p>Process</p> <p><i>Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Parties and attorneys file a request form and, if approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.</i></p>	<p>Process</p> <p><i>Remote appearance is allowed without judicial approval. Parties and attorneys MUST schedule their own remote appearance no later than one (1) court day before the hearing.</i></p>	<p>Process</p> <p><i>Remote appearance is mandatory for all parties and attorneys. If the parties would like to appear in person, it must be authorized by a judicial officer using a request form.</i></p>



Remote Appearances: Juvenile

Effective June 21, 2021

Mandatory In Person Appearances



Event Types

Arraignments (*Juvenile Justice*)
Detentions (*Juvenile Dependency*)
Jurisdiction Hearings
Disposition Hearings
Contested Hearings

Process

If the participants would like to appear remotely, it must be authorized by a judicial officer.

Remote Appearance: Approval & Notice Required



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer after proper notice to opposing party. Participants must file a request form and serve the opposing party. Opposing party may file an opposition. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: Approval Required



Event Types

Juvenile Justice
Participants appearing at all other hearings

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Participants file a request form and, if approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: No Approval Required



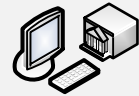
Event Types

Juvenile Justice
Counsel appearing at continuances or other non-substantive matters
Juvenile Dependency
Counsel and participants appearing at all other hearings

Process

Remote appearance is allowed without judicial approval. Participants file a request form no later than three (3) court days before the hearing to be scheduled by staff.

Mandatory Video Appearance



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is mandatory for all participants. If the participants would like to appear in person, it must be authorized by a judicial officer.



Remote Appearances: Traffic

Effective June 21, 2021

Mandatory In Person Appearances



Event Types

Officer Court Trials

Process

In unusual or extraordinary circumstances, attorneys and/or defendants who represent themselves may request to appear remotely subject to due process considerations and approval by court.

Remote Appearance: Approval & Notice Required



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Attorneys or defendants who represent themselves must file a request form and notice the opposing side. Opposing party may file opposition. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: Approval Required



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is subject to approval by a judicial officer. Attorneys or defendants who represent themselves file a request form. If approved, staff will schedule the remote appearance.

Remote Appearance: No Approval Required



Event Types

Arraignments
Further Proceedings

Process

Remote appearance is allowed without judicial approval. Attorneys or defendants who represent themselves MUST schedule their own remote appearance no later than one (1) court day before the hearing.

Mandatory Video Appearance



Event Types

None

Process

Remote appearance is mandatory for defendants. If the defendant would like to appear in person, it must be authorized by a judicial officer using a request form.