



Superior Court of the State of California
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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS AND UPDATED
EMERGENCY LOCAL RULES
UPDATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

The Superior Court of Placer County is announcing changes to its operations, due to the ongoing concerns regarding substantial community risk of COVID-19 in Placer County. The court is also announcing updates to its Emergency Local Rules, effective October 1, 2020.

COVID-19 remains a substantial risk in Placer County per the State of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. Counties with substantial risk must follow more restrictive guidelines for services as outlined by the California Department of Public.

The court is announcing that:

- The court will postpone all traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction pre-trial matters set September 28, 2020 through November 27, 2020 to an available date at least sixteen weeks from the currently scheduled court date. This include all pay or appear dates for traffic infractions.
- The court will postpone all traffic misdemeanor pre and post-trial hearings set September 28, 2020 through November 27, 2020 to an available date at least sixteen weeks from the currently scheduled court date.
- **Traffic trials will be heard** beginning September 28, 2020.
- 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>.

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- The Court's Emergency Local Rules will be amended effective October 1, 2020 to remove the mandate for remote appearances in most civil and probate hearings. Appearances in these hearing types will remain **strongly encouraged**. Remote appearances are still required in family law and certain other civil and probate hearing types. Please see the Court's Emergency Local Rules for details.

Individuals with pending traffic citations do have the following options to address their pending matters:

- Online Traffic Payments: Individuals may pay their fines online via the court's website at <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/online-case-access.shtml>.
- Request a Trial By Written Declaration: Individuals may request that their trial proceed by written declaration. Requests can be made online at <https://webportal.placerco.org/eCourtPublic/>.
- Sign Up for Traffic School: Individuals may choose to participate in traffic school. Please visit <https://webportal.placerco.org/eCourtPublic/> for more information and to determine if your case is eligible.
- Ability to Pay: Anyone who is unable to pay their traffic fine may complete and submit Judicial Council Form TR-320 (<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/tr320.pdf>) to the Court.

The court has resumed all other misdemeanor, felony, family law, and civil hearings, including jury trials. Traffic trials and non-traffic infraction trials will resume on September 28, 2020.

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. The court will remove the mandate for remote appearances in most civil and probate matters, and instead strongly encourage remote appearances for these hearings, effective October 1, 2020. Please see the Court's 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.
- 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.

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- The court's Self-Help Center has discontinued most in-person services. Please visit the Self-Help Center page on our website to schedule a telephone or video appointment. The court has added limited in-person services for landlord-tenant matters on a temporary basis.
- Modified practices remain in effect for those called to jury service. 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.