



**COVID-19 UPDATES -
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW**

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CIVIL

Q: How is the court accepting filings in civil matters?

A: The court is accepting all filings in civil cases. eDelivery is mandated for use by attorneys and represented parties for most civil filings. eDelivery is optional, but encouraged, for self-represented parties. Information on eDelivery, including documents that cannot be submitted via this method is available at: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/online-edelivery-access.shtml>). For documents that cannot be submitted by eDelivery or for self-represented parties who do not wish to use eDelivery, filings may be mailed to the court, or placed in the drop boxes at the Howard G. Gibson Courthouse (Roseville) and Tahoe City Courthouse.

Q: How or when are pending civil matters to be calendared if they were scheduled for hearing during the time emergency orders are in effect?

A: The court's emergency orders have expired. The court has resumed all civil hearings except for unlawful detainer trials. Unlawful detainer law and motion matters are being heard for cases where the summons was issued prior to adoption of statewide Emergency Rule 1.

Telephone or video appearances are mandated in most proceedings. Please see the court's Emergency Local Rules (<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-local-rules.shtml>) or the court's remote appearances website for details (<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>).

Q: When are responsive briefs due for motions initially set for hearing while emergency orders are in effect?

A: While parties are encouraged to be cooperative as to filing deadlines, any question about deadlines can only be determined by the court in each proceeding.

Q: How should parties present urgent discovery motions or other requests for emergency relief?

A: Requests for emergency relief or a request for an order shortening time may be set on the civil ex parte calendar, which is heard every day the court is in operation. Parties who wish to appear on this calendar must reserve a hearing by calling the Court Clerk's Office at 916-408-6000, and must otherwise comply with California Rules of Court, rules 3.1200 *et seq.*



Q: How does the court’s continuance of civil trials due to emergency orders affect deadlines which are tied to the trial date, such as the last day to hear discovery motions or summary judgment/adjudication motions?

A: Trial-related deadlines affected by emergency orders, such as the last day to hear discovery motions or summary judgment/adjudication motions, will be continued in conjunction with the continued trial date. This does not include trial-related deadlines which expired prior to March 16, 2020, by operation of statute or other order of the court.

Q: For trial dates reset by the court, where the parties wish to request or agree to a new trial date, how should such requests be filed?

A: Requests for a continuance for trial or a stipulation to continue to trial should be submitted pursuant to Local Rule 20.1.12.

Q: Is the court requiring parties to provide additional notice to other parties or interested individuals about remote appearance requirements.

A: No, the court is not requiring parties to provide additional notice to opposing parties or interested individuals about remote appearance requirements. That said, the court appreciates everyone’s assistance in communicating this information.

Q: Is the court hearing unlawful detainer trials?

A: The court is following existing Emergency Rules of Court as adopted by the Judicial Council. <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/appendix-i.pdf>