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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER

STANDING ORDER OF THE PLACER  
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

No.: 20-027

STANDING ORDER RE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC: EXTENSION OF  
EMERGENCY ORDERS FOR  
TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND NON-  
TRAFFIC INFRACTION HEARINGS,  
AND TRAFFIC MISDEMEANOR  
HEARINGS.

The World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of California, and Placer County have recognized that we currently face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. As of this date, there is no known cure, vaccination, or consistently effective treatment. In response to the spread of COVID-19, states of emergency have been declared nationally and in most States.

Placer County health officials followed state and federal guidance by issuing recommendations and mandates intended to decrease the spread of the virus. This Placer County Superior Court previously issued temporary emergency orders with respect to criminal and traffic matters in response to the declarations of a state of emergency, Executive Orders by the Governor

1 of the State of California, and orders and directives from the Chief Justice of  
2 the State of California, which continued many traffic and criminal matters,  
3 including hearings for traffic and non-traffic infractions, traffic  
4 misdemeanors, and non-traffic misdemeanors that did not involve domestic  
5 violence or driving under the influence, to future dates.

6 The court resumed hearing non-traffic misdemeanor cases that did not  
7 involve domestic violence or driving under the influence on June 8, 2020 and  
8 traffic and non-traffic infractions and traffic misdemeanors on June 14, 2020.

9 The number of COVID-19 cases in Placer County increased  
10 substantially following the resumption of those hearings and the Court, via  
11 Standing Orders 20-020 and 20-021 and 20-025, continued certain of these  
12 types of matters July, August, and September 2020.

13 Placer County continues to have a COVID-19 risk level that is  
14 "substantial" based on the metrics outlined in the State of California's  
15 *Blueprint for a Safer Economy*, as updated on September 22, 2020. Due to  
16 substantial risk in Placer County of further spread of the COVID-19 virus,  
17 some activities remain restricted in the County.

18 In order to proactively support the efforts of State and local public  
19 health officials, while balancing the need for continuous operation of the  
20 court; and in light of (1) declarations of a state of emergency by federal and  
21 state governments due to the COVID-19 / novel coronavirus global  
22 pandemic; (2) Executive Orders by the Governor of the State of California;  
23 (3) orders and directives of the Chief Justice of the State of California; and  
24 under the authority of Code of Civil Procedure section 128 and California  
25 Rules of Court, rule 10.603, the court issues the following temporary  
26 standing order:

- 27 • **CONTINUANCE OF NON-TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC INFRACTION,**  
28 **AND DIRECT-FILED TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS:** The court will

1 continue all non-traffic infraction, traffic infraction, and direct filed  
2 misdemeanor traffic pre and post-trial hearings set in Department  
3 30 and Department 14, **not including driving under the**  
4 **influence cases**, set between September 28, 2020 and November  
5 27, 2020, to an available date at least sixteen weeks from the  
6 currently scheduled court date.

- 7 • All non-traffic infraction and traffic infraction and traffic  
8 misdemeanor trials will remain on calendar and be heard as set.
- 9 • Nothing in this order is intended to affect or modify the Court's  
10 Standing Order No. 20-020, 20-021, and 20-025.

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12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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14 DATED: *9-24-2020*



HONORABLE ALAN V. PINESCHI  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court