



**Superior Court of the State of California
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – COURT UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

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What is the Superior Court of Placer County doing about the Coronavirus?

Similar to other government agencies and California Trial Courts, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer (Court) is closely monitoring the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The Court is in routine communication with Placer County Public Health, other Placer County justice agencies, other California Trial Courts, and the Judicial Council of California. We are working with these and other entities to ensure we have up-to-date information and can best weigh the need to provide access to justice to our community, while also supporting the activities of our public health agencies and the health of the public.

The Court has implemented additional cleaning protocols in high use areas to reduce the potential for transmission of this or other viruses for those coming to our courthouses.

We encourage everyone to follow the Center for Disease Control and Placer County Public Health guidance on prevention (<https://www.placer.ca.gov/6367/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>).

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Court Events and Appearances

- Has the Court suspended any types of matters or hearings?

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For the period of March 16 to March 31, 2020, the Court is postponing all traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction hearings and trials to future dates (cases that begin with “41-“). The Court will provide notice to the parties of their new dates.

For the period of March 16 to March 31, 2020, the Court will postpone all Civil Jury Trials to a future date. The Court will provide notice to the parties of their new dates.

For the period of March 16 to March 31, 2020, the Court will endeavor to minimize the number of Criminal Jury Trials held. These decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, balancing the constitutional rights of the parties and the efforts to maintain public health.

- Is my upcoming hearing still occurring?

With the exception of the items mentioned above, court hearings are proceeding as normal. If you have an upcoming court hearing, you do still need to appear for your hearing.

- Can I appear by telephone or video for my hearing?

In many civil and family law cases, yes. The Court encourages you to review the list of matters that can be heard remotely, either via telephone or via a video appearance. The list of those hearings and instructions for how to appear can be found at <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>. Please note that the use of remote appearances in criminal matters is extremely limited.

The list of available hearings for telephonic appearances **has changed**. The Court has temporarily expanded the types of hearings that are eligible for a telephonic appearance without prior approval by the judge. Use the link above to see the current list of available hearing types and confirm whether your hearing type requires prior approval to appear by telephone.

For Small Claims and Unlawful Detainer hearings set to be heard on or after March 23, 2020, the Court is offering video appearances through its new video appearance system. Information on how to use this service will be posted during the week of March 9, 2020 on the Court’s remote appearance page at <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>.

The Court will continue to evaluate options for expanded use of remote appearances to support the goals of the public health agencies and the health of the public.

- I am sick, do I still need to appear for my court case?

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 before calling the Court.

Self-Help Services

- Is the Court Self-Help Center still open?

Yes. The Court is still providing self-help services. However, the Court is reducing the number of in-person appointments and workshops. With the exception of the Domestic Violence Restraining Order Workshop, all workshops are cancelled until further notice.

In addition, the Court will be shifting to a model that uses telephone and video appointments for self-help services for most non-emergency situations. Please visit the Self-Help section of the Court's website for more information.

Jury Service

- Is the Court still holding jury trials?

The Court has suspended all civil jury trials and will endeavor to minimize the number of criminal jury trials through the end of March 2020.

- Do I still need to report for jury service?

If you receive instructions to appear, yes.

- Do I need to report for jury service if I am sick?

If you are sick, please contact the Jury Commissioner's Office at 916-408-6002 to discuss a potential postponement of your service.

- How do I stay informed of changes to my jury service?

Please consider using the Court's Online Jury Portal (<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/jd.shtml>) and sign up for text message alerts. There are times that cases resolve after the Court has asked you to report. By signing up for jury text messaging, the Court is better able to keep you informed of changes and let you know when you no longer need to report to the courthouse.

General Information on COVID-19

For more information, please visit Placer County Public Health's website at:
<https://www.placer.ca.gov/6367/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19>

Or, the California Department of Public Health at:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx> .

The California Department of Public Health recommends the following steps to prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.