



Superior Court of the State of California
In and For The County of Placer
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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
UPDATED: MARCH 16, 2020**

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>).

The Court initiated changes to its operations on March 9 and modified those changes on March 12 and 13. Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, Placer County Superior Court will further adjust its court operations. In total:

- The Historic Courthouse in Auburn is closed effective March 17 with a plan to reopen April 13, 2020. The Court is contacting parties who were scheduled to appear at this location during the above timeframe.
- All civil jury trials currently set between Monday, March 16, and Friday, April 10, 2020, will be postponed.

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- All criminal jury trials currently set between Monday, March 16, and Friday, March 20, 2020, have been postponed. The Court is seeking an emergency order to postpone all criminal jury trials through April 10, 2020. The Court will issue an updated announcement as circumstances warrant.
- All non-traffic infraction and traffic infraction and misdemeanor hearings and trials (all cases beginning with “41-”) set between Monday, March 16 and Friday, April 10, 2020, will be postponed to a new hearing date. This does not include hearings related to driving under the influence cases.
- New citation appearance dates in traffic matters are being reviewed to ensure they have been set for hearing no less than 75 days from the date the citation was issued. If the timeline was less than 75 days, the court will set a new date. The Court will provide notice to impacted parties of their new date in these situations.
- Parties in family law and civil cases are encouraged to appear by telephone for most matters. The Court encourages you to review the list of matters that can be heard remotely, either via telephone or via a video appearance. The Court has expanded the list of hearings eligible for telephone appearance without prior approval. Instructions for how to appear can be found at: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>.
- 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 is available on the Court’s remote appearance page at: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>.
- For Juvenile Court, the Court asks that children not be transported to the courthouse for dependency proceedings, and that all parties implement social distancing recommendations of 6 feet apart in the hallway and courtroom. The Court will expand the use of teleconference and some video conferencing for dependency and juvenile justice proceedings.
- The Court has implemented significant changes to its Self-Help Center. With the exception of the Domestic Violence Restraining Order Workshop, all workshops are cancelled until further notice. In-person services are limited to emergencies only. Please visit the Self-Help section of the Court’s website for information on how to schedule a telephone or video appointment.
- The Court asks that when entering a courtroom or finding seating in other areas of the courthouse, members of the public keep at least one vacant seat between themselves and the next unfamiliar person.
- The Court further asks that members of the public allow space while waiting in lines, and that they not crowd elevators or other confined spaces. Court visitors may be asked to wait

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in hallways or outside courtrooms to minimize gathering sizes in closed areas. Please follow the accommodation, health, and safety directions of any Sheriff's Deputies or other Court Employees offering their assistance.

- 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. Defendants who have posted bail are encouraged to discuss the bail issues with their attorney and the bail bonding company.

The Court will continue to monitor the situation and will update this notice as circumstances warrant.

For more information about COVID-19, 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> .