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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
UPDATED AUGUST 24, 2021**

The Superior Court of Placer County is announcing its 58th notice outlining changes to operational and service functions made due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Delta variant has caused a major increase in the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in Placer County and the surrounding areas. Per data published by the Placer County Department of Public Health as part of their August 19, 2021 data dashboard, there were 199 individuals in Placer County hospitals with COVID-19 and 38 cases in intensive care units (ICU). In total, only 15 adult medical/surgical beds remain in Placer County hospitals and only nine (9) ICU beds. Further, the COVID-19 case rate has grown to more than 30 per 100,000 people, compared to fewer than five per 100,000 people when the court returned to near-normal operations on June 21, 2021.

On August 17, 2021, Presiding Judge Alan V. Pineschi ordered that face coverings be worn in all Placer Superior Court courtrooms in response to the rising case rate in the County.

Due to the critical state of Placer County hospitals that serve both Placer County residents and those in our surrounding counties, the court is announcing the following changes to hearings and calendars:

- No jury trials will begin between August 30, 2021 and September 10, 2021.
- The court will postpone all traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction pre-trial and post-trial matters set August 30, 2021 through October 1, 2021 to an available date at least 8 weeks from the currently scheduled court date. This includes all pay or appear dates for traffic infractions. **Defendants may request a remote appearance during this time period by**

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following instructions on the court's website. The number of remote appearances per day are limited.

- The court will postpone all traffic misdemeanors (not including DUI or DV misdemeanors) pre and post-trial hearings set August 30, 2021 through October 1, 2021 to an available date at least 8 weeks from the currently scheduled court date. **Defendants may request a remote appearance during this time period by following instructions on the court's website. The number of remote appearances per day are limited.**
- The court will reinstitute the *Traffic Ticket: Quick Off-Ramp* for the period of August 30, 2021 to October 1, 2021, an alternative program for individuals with a good DMV record. See the court's website for more information on or after August 30, 2021.
- The court will postpone all traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction trials set August 30, 2021 through October 1, 2021 to an available date at least 8 weeks out.
- Misdemeanor cases, will be heard as follows:
 - All in-custody matters will remain as set.
 - All arraignments, trial assignment hearings, and trials will remain as set.
 - All drug court and mental health court cases will remain as set.
 - All driving under the influence and domestic violence misdemeanor hearings remain as set.
 - All misdemeanor hearings not specifically noted above that are set between August 30, 2021 and October 1, 2021 are postponed 8 weeks. Defendants are ordered to appear on a date 8 weeks from their scheduled hearing. The court will provide notice. Defendants and sentenced individuals must comply with all existing orders related to their release, probation, parole, post-release community supervision, or mandatory supervision including any criminal protective orders. **Defense counsel may request a remote appearance be set during this time period by filing a request for remote appearance no less than two days before the date they would like a remote hearing. Remote hearings will be held on Thursdays for cases normally heard at the Gibson Courthouse and Wednesdays for cases normally heard at the Tahoe City Courthouse.**
- Family centered case resolution six month and twelve-month conferences set August 30, 2021 through October 1, 2021 will be dropped from calendar and will not be heard. All 18-month family centered case resolution conferences will remain as set.

All court clerk's offices remain open.

The Court will also be posting the following updates to explain remote appearance changes for traffic and misdemeanor cases:

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- Updated Emergency Local Rule 10.28, effective August 30, 2021, will be posted on August 27, 2021 and can be found here: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/general-local-rules.shtml>
- The Court's Remote Appearance webpage (<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>) will be updated on August 26, 2021.

The aforementioned changes are intended to reduce the number of individuals attending court hearings in-person. Although remote appearance mandates have been removed for small claims, civil, probate, and family law, the court continues to encourage remote appearances in these areas as outlined in the court's Emergency Local Rules and on the court's Remote Appearance webpage.

The court's Self-Help Center has transitioned to primarily remote services. The court does not anticipate a return to primarily in-person services at this time. Please visit the Self-Help Center page on our website to schedule a telephone or video appointment. Future changes to in-person services will be announced on the court's website.

If you believe you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, or if you are subject to quarantine due to close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at 916-408-6000 for further information. If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney first before calling the court. Defendants who have posted bail are encouraged to discuss their bail with their attorney and bail bonding company.

For information on specific cases, please visit the court's website or call 916-408-6000.