



COVID-19

Courts Open for Emergency and Essential Matters

In order to comply with physical distancing and to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our community, Presiding Judge, Kevin C. Brazile issued the following implementation order, pursuant to the emergency powers granted under Government Code Section 68115 for the courts.

On Friday, March 20, 2020, the courts will reopen for emergency and essential matters. Court Services Personnel will report back to their units of assignment. **Until further notice, Court Services personnel will not be available to assist patrol with supplemental patrol deployments.**

From March 20, 2020 until the implementation order expires, all courtrooms will remain closed for judicial business, except for the following time sensitive and essential functions:

- Civil Temporary Restraining Orders
- Family Temporary Restraining Orders
- Civil Ex Parte Proceedings
- Family Ex Parte Proceedings
- Contempt Proceedings in Family Law (where custody is an issue),
- Hague Convention (international kidnapping)
- Probate Ex Parte Hearings
- Probate Emergency Petitions for Temporary Conservatorship
- Probate Emergency Petitions for Temporary Guardianship
- Riese Hearings
- Search Warrants
- Arraignments
- Criminal Preliminary Hearings
- Criminal Ex Parte Hearings
- Bail Bond and Cash Bail Processing
- Bail Review
- Criminal Mental Competency Hearings
- Criminal Sentencing Proceedings
- Criminal Post Sentencing Proceedings
- Grand Jury Indictments
- Criminal Jury Trials (where there is no consent to continuance and enhanced statutory limits have been reached)



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Continued essential court functions:

- Juvenile Ex Parte Orders
- Emergency Orders Relating to the Health and Safety of a Child
- Juvenile Restraining Orders
- Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Detention Hearings
- Traffic Arraignments
- Traffic Trials (where there is no consent to continuance)
- Petitions for Writ
- Emergency Writs Challenging COVID-19 Measures
- Writs of Habeas Corpus.

No jurors will be reporting for jury duty and no additional prospective jurors will be summoned for jury service for the next 30 days.

If you have any questions or require additional information, the DOC is available 24 hours [REDACTED].