



The Superior Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RESTORATION OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT OPERATIONS

Effective August 3, 2020 -- The Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin (Court), with this, provides public notice, according to Government Code section 68106, of changes in court operations, in response to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). These changes will be in effect until further notice.

To reduce the risk to the public, staff, and judicial officers, and to achieve maximum social distancing, entry into the courthouse will be limited to the following:

- Attorneys
- Parties/Defendants
- Minor/Minor's Parents
- Law Enforcement
- Those filing or picking up restraining orders
- Witnesses
- Couriers
- Jurors

No other persons will be permitted without good cause.

The Court will continue to take safety precautions to keep the public, court staff, judicial officers and others safe.

All persons who enter the courthouses will have their temperature taken by a temperature-scanning device. Any person who refuses to have their temperature taken, or has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, will not be permitted to enter the courthouses. Per Governor Newsom's mandate, all persons must wear a face covering to enter the courthouse and at all times while inside.

APPEALS: Will be heard telephonically. Documents can be submitted by **drop box** or through the mail.

BRANCH COURTS: The Lodi Branch Court will remain closed until further notice.

Department M1 at the Manteca Branch Court is open. Department M2 will remain closed until October 5, 2020.

CLERKS OFFICES: The Clerk's office at the Juvenile Justice Center is open. Clerks' Offices in Stockton, Manteca and Lodi are closed to the public. Clerk's Offices can be contacted as follows:

- By Telephone: To contact the Court by telephone, please visit the Court's website at www.sjcourts.org for current hours and contact information.
- Support On-line: Questions can be submitted via the support link on the Court's website at <https://www.sjcourts.org/online-services/support/>.

There are **drop boxes** outside of the Stockton Courthouse. For the Manteca Branch, a drop box is located within the building. **eFiling** is available for Civil, Family Law and Probate. Please visit <https://appfile.sjcourts.org/> for information.

THE COURTROOMS THAT WILL BE OPERATIONAL AS OF AUGUST 3, 2020 ARE LISTED BELOW.

CIVIL:

Civil and Appeals documents to be submitted by **drop box, mail or eFiling**; eFiling is encouraged. Ex-parte hearings can be requested by email. Hearings in dedicated Civil courtrooms continue to be held telephonically. All Requests for Temporary Civil Restraining Orders submitted via drop window will be heard at the Stockton Courthouse.

Departments 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D and 11B will remain operational telephonically.

Department 10A Appellate calendars will be heard telephonically.

Department 3A Restraining Orders and Name Changes will be heard.

Department 3A, 3B, 3D, and 6D Small Claims are not being heard until further notice.

COLLABORATIVE COURTS: Case conferences will be done telephonically.

DEPENDENCY: Departments 9C and 9D are open.

CRIMINAL:

Department 3A will be open for Criminal misdemeanors effective October 5, 2020.

Department 3C in-custody DV matters will continue to be held and all misdemeanor out of custody DV matters will be continued until October 5, 2020.

Department 5C is open for Arraignments and further proceedings on Bench Warrants and Petitions for Violations of Probation, Community Supervision, Parole, and In Custody DUI arraignments. Out of Custody, DUI arraignments and Collaborative Court hearings will resume.

Department 6C is open.

Department 6D is open.

Department 7A is open.

Department 7B is open.

Department 7C is open.

Department 7D is open.

Department 8A is open.

Department 8B is open.

Department 8C is open.

Department 8D is open.

Department 9A is open.

Department 9B is open.

Department M1 is open.

JURY SERVICES: Our Jury Department has resumed full operations and jurors are now being called in for jury service. The Court is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for jurors reporting for service and the Court is taking the precautionary measures to adhere to public safety and social distancing guidelines. For information regarding jury service including updated information regarding Covid-19 safety guidelines, please visit the Court's website.

<https://www.sicourts.org/divisions/jury-service/>.

FAMILY LAW:

Family law documents must be submitted by drop box, mail, or eFiling. Questions may be submitted via the support link on the Court's website at <https://www.sjcourts.org/online-services/support/>.

Department 4A will hear all matters set on calendar. Hearings will be staggered in the morning to maintain social distancing. All parties must wear masks for mediations.

Department 4B will continue to hear all matters set on calendar, including trials.

Department 5A will hear child support matters in person or by telephonic appearance, if requested. Long cause and contempt matters will be heard in person.

Mediations will be conducted in person with only the parties. Attorneys may videoconference in for mediations. The parties must wear masks for mediations while in the mediators' offices.

JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER: Juvenile Traffic is suspended until further notice.

Department J1 is open.

Department J2 is closed.

Department J3 is open.

PROBATE/DEPARTMENT 11A: Probate will be open for the regular morning calendars, but it is encouraged that parties appear by teleconference rather than appear in person. Instructions and notice for the teleconference line can be found on local form Notice of Teleconferencing Appearance and Requirements (SJPR-EMERG1), located on our website. Notice for teleconference appearance must be served with any Notice of Hearing or on its own in all matters.

Settlement conferences and trials are heard in person in the courtroom, teleconferencing is NOT allowed for these matters. In limited circumstances teleconference appearance may be allowed for settlement conferences with specific court approval at least 72 hours *before* the settlement conference.

Probate documents to be submitted by **drop box, mail, or eFiling**; eFiling is encouraged. Faxed documents are no longer accepted unless specifically directed by the court.

Questions and inquiries can be submitted online at <https://www.sjcourts.org/divisions/probate/probate-inquiries/> or by email to sjprobate@sjcourts.org.

MENTAL HEALTH: Department 6C calendar will continue remotely.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Requests for copies are accepted by mail and through the online request. Researchers are able to request an appointment to use a public kiosk for research. The general public will be able to request an appointment to complete research.

TRAFFIC: Traffic payments are accepted online or by mail only. Mandatory court appearances citations are set 120 days out. All Traffic hearings are continued until further notice. Walk-in calendars are suspended.

Department 3B is closed.

SELF HELP: The Self-Help Center is open to the public for in-person assistance by appointment only. Online assistance is available at www.sjcourts.org/self-help/ or by calling (209) 992-5283. For updates about hours of operation and other available self-help online services, visit the Court's website at www.sjcourts.org.

UNLAWFUL DETAINERS: In accordance with [Emergency Rule of Court 1](#) adopted by the Judicial Council of the State of California on April 6, 2020, new unlawful detainer complaints, issuance of summons or entry of defaults cannot be processed at this time without a court order. Urgent requests such as a request made under Emergency Rule of Court 1 or a Request for a Temporary Stay may be submitted via the drop box or mail. Hearings affected by limited operations will be rescheduled with notice to be mailed to the parties' addresses on file with the court.

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