



The Superior Court

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San Joaquin County Superior Court To Reduce Court Operations During Pandemic Non-Emergency Court Hearings to be Continued – Clinics, Workshops and other Services Temporarily Closed **UPDATED 3/17/20**

In an effort to promote the health and safety of court users and employees as well as mitigate community spread of the Covid-19/Coronavirus, the San Joaquin County Superior Court has suspended all non-emergency services effective **March 17, 2020-April 3, 2020**:

LODI COURTHOUSES

- The Lodi Courthouses will be closed. All criminal hearings as provided below will be transferred to the Stockton Courthouse. All other court hearings will be rescheduled.

CRIMINAL

- Criminal arraignments with in-custody defendants and “time not waived” (TNW) preliminary hearings and trials will be heard.
- Criminal matters with in-custody defendants where defendant’s appearance can be waived.
- Criminal matters with out-of-custody defendants will be rescheduled.

CIVIL

- All civil proceedings will be rescheduled.
- All Unlawful Detainer (UD) matters will be rescheduled.
- All Civil Harassments will be heard.

FAMILY

- All domestic violence restraining orders will be heard.
- All custody hearings where ex parte orders were granted will be heard.
- All family court and mediation matters will be rescheduled.
- All clinics and workshops have been cancelled.
- All other family law and family support matters will be rescheduled.

TRAFFIC

- All traffic matters will be rescheduled.

SMALL CLAIMS

- All Small Claims matters will be rescheduled.

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY

- All Juvenile Detention hearings will be heard.
- TNW hearings will be heard as needed.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

- W&I sec. 602 Juvenile Detention hearings will be heard.
- W&I sec. 602 TNW in-custody jurisdictional hearings will be heard.
- W&I sec. 602 in-custody TNW dispositional hearings will be heard.
- W&I sec. 602 TNW in-custody transfer hearings will be heard.
- All other hearings will be rescheduled.

PROBATE

- All Probate hearings will be rescheduled.
- All in-person visits related to guardianship and conservatorship cases will be suspended.
- Any temporary orders will be extended until the next court date.

THE COURT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Drop boxes will be available for filings at the Stockton Courthouse (pre-screening windows) and the Manteca Courthouse.
- Ex-parte requests for civil harassment TROs, DVTROs, and Gun Violence Protective Orders.
- Emergency ex-parte lockout proceedings (UD).
- A Family law judge will review ex-parte requests for emergency TROs, Guardianship requests where a minor's safety is at risk.
- A Juvenile judge will be available for emergency orders and Dependency detentions.
- A Probate judge will be available to cover emergency conservatorship and other emergency orders.
- All search warrants (day and night) will be electronically submitted.

In addition, effective **March 17, 2020 – April 3, 2020**, the Court will institute the following changes:

- JURY
PROSPECTIVE JURORS – Please review the IMPORTANT JUROR NOTICE located on our Jury Webpage. <https://www.sjcourts.org/divisions/jury-service/>. Continue to call-in and check the Court’s website for reporting instructions.
- WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS
All workshops and clinics have been cancelled.
- SELF-HELP CENTER
The Self-Help Center will be closed. Services will be available on-line and by phone. Please call (209) 992-5282.

The public is urged to monitor the San Joaquin County Superior Court website (www.sjcourts.org) for updated information.