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SECOND UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

STOCKTON, California (April 8, 2020): In response to Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order issued on March 27, 2020, the March 30, 2020 Order of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, and the emergency rules of court adopted by the Judicial Court on April 6, 2020, Presiding Judge Xapuri B. Villapudua signed a [Second General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief](#) and then a [Third General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief \(Bail Schedule\)](#) on April 3 and April 8, 2020, respectively.

As of March 18, 2020, the San Joaquin County Superior Court remains closed to the public with minimal exceptions at the Stockton and French Camp courthouses for time sensitive or specified statutory and/or emergency matters.

On April 2, 2020, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, issued an Emergency Order in response to the San Joaquin Superior Court's request. In response, Presiding Judge Villapudua issued a [Second General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief](#). Judge Villapudua ordered, among other things, that April 1, 2020 to May 1, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time for filing papers under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a.

On April 6, 2020, the Judicial Council, again met in emergency session. The Judicial Council approved a slate of 11 temporary emergency rules of court, including setting bail statewide at \$0 for misdemeanors and lower-level felonies and staying eviction and foreclosure proceedings. On April 8, 2020, Judge Villapudua issued a [Third General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief](#), adopting among other things, the emergency rules of court.

In addition, the Superior Court, in cooperation with the San Joaquin Sheriff's Office, the San Joaquin District Attorney, the San Joaquin Public Defender and other justice partners has begun efforts to provide remote (video) arraignments for those persons in custody on felony and misdemeanor charges. Remote arraignments allow for spatial distancing and limits direct contact for all persons within the courtroom and jail facility. Persons in custody taking part in remote arraignments will no longer need to be transported by bus with others to the courthouse, which provides another layer of protection against potential exposure for law enforcement, judges and court staff, justice partners, and the public.

The court continues to monitor this evolving situation and will make additional adjustments to court operations as appropriate. For more detailed information regarding the impact on other

statutory deadlines and services, please see the [San Joaquin Superior Court's website: www.sjcourts.org](http://www.sjcourts.org).