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THIRD UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

STOCKTON, California (April 29, 2020): On April 28, 2020, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye (Chief Justice) granted the San Joaquin County Superior Court's (Court) request for an [Emergency Order \(relief expires May 27, 2020\)](#) and on April 29, 2020, the Chief Justice issued a [statewide order extending criminal trial deadlines](#). In response, Presiding Judge Xapuri B. Villapudua signed a [Fourth General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief](#) pertaining to San Joaquin's order and a [Fifth Supplemental Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief](#) pertaining to the statewide order.

On March 18, 2020, in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the San Joaquin courthouses were closed to the public with minimal exceptions at the Stockton and French Camp courthouses. However, the Court continues to hear matters that are time sensitive, emergency or specified statutory or constitutionally mandated. These matters include, criminal arraignments, temporary restraining orders and domestic violence orders.

Although the Court does not know when it will reopen, in order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants and witnesses, the Court is utilizing technology to conduct limited proceedings remotely and telephonically.

The Court, in cooperation with the San Joaquin Sheriff's Office, the San Joaquin District Attorney, the San Joaquin Public Defender and other justice partners, provides remote (video) hearings for those persons in custody on felony and misdemeanor charges. Remote hearings allow for social distancing and limit direct contact for all persons within the courtroom and jail facility. Remote hearings provide another layer of protection against potential exposure for law enforcement, judges and court staff, justice partners, and the public.

The Court hears, via telephonic appearances, some exigent probate matters. Starting Monday, May 4, 2020, the Court will hear specified civil and family law matters via video and telephonic appearances.

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.