



The Superior Court

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT UPDATED ACTIONS RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

On March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 in further response to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). Among other things, this Order mandates compliance with state and local public health officials as it pertains to measures to control the spread of COVID-19.

On March 17, 2020, the Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council of California, granted the Court's request for an [Emergency Order](#). The Emergency Order confers broad authority upon the Court. Presiding Judge Xapuri B. Villapudua has issued the following [General Implementation Order](#).

Effective Thursday, March 19, 2020, San Joaquin County Superior Court will adjust its court operations as follows:

- All San Joaquin Courthouses will be closed to the public for general business except for limited purposes. The Lodi Courthouses are closed.
- Prospective jurors who have received notice to report during the weeks of 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30 will be excused from service and are not required to report to Court.
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020, inclusive, for purposes of computing time for filing papers under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a are deemed holidays.
- The Court is working on a plan to conduct in-custody adult arraignments on a reduced schedule, as resources and health and safety constraints permit.
- All misdemeanor and felony jury trials currently set between Friday, March 20, and Friday, April 17, 2020, will be continued on a rolling basis from the currently scheduled trial date.
- The Court will continue to accept and review requests for Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and applications for emergency relief in Family Law and Probate matters, such as Domestic Violence Restraining Orders, etc., via drop box.

- All traffic “preset” hearings currently set between Thursday, March 19, and Friday, April 3, 2020, will be continued on a rolling basis from the currently scheduled trial date.
- All traffic trials currently set between Tuesday, March 17, and Friday, April 3, 2020, are continued on a rolling basis from the currently scheduled trial date.
- Beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all traffic “walk in” appearances are suspended through Friday, April 3, 2020. Parties in traffic matters may telephone the Clerk’s Office to schedule a “preset” arraignment date. Any other citation appearance dates set during this period, or failures to appear, will be automatically extended to a date after April 3; parties will be noticed.
- New citation appearance dates in traffic matters will be set 6 months from the date listed on the citation. Any requests to address matters that require immediate attention, including requests to lift DMV driver’s license holds, may be mailed to the Court and will be addressed remotely where possible.
- All civil proceedings, including trials, currently set between Monday, March 16, and Friday, April 3, 2020, will be continued on a rolling basis from the currently scheduled trial date.
- All unlawful detainer matters, including trials, currently set between Tuesday, March 17, and Friday, April 3, 2020, will be continued on a rolling basis from the currently scheduled trial date.
- The Self-Help Center is closed effective Monday, March 16, 2020. Parties are advised to call (209) 992-5282 or use on-line services.

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