

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## RESTORATION OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT OPERATIONS

Effective May 28, 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

**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.

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

**BRANCH COURTS:** The Lodi and Manteca Branch Courts will remain closed until July 6, 2020.

**CLERKS OFFICES:** Clerks' Offices are closed to the public. There are **drop boxes** outside of the Stockton Courthouse and the Juvenile Justice Center.

The courtrooms that will be operational on May 28, 2020 are listed below.

## **CIVIL**

Civil and Appeals documents to be submitted by **drop box, mail or e-Filing**. Ex-parte hearings can be requested by email. Hearings in dedicated Civil hearings continue to be held telephonically. All Requests for Temporary Civil Restraining Orders submitted via drop window will be heard at the Stockton Courthouse. Restraining Order hearings will continue to be held at the 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 3B, 3D, and 6D Small Claims are not being heard until further notice.

**Collaborative Courts:** Case conferences will be done telephonically.

### **Dependency:**

Department 9C and 9D will be open.

## **CRIMINAL:**

Department 3A will be closed for Criminal misdemeanors.

Department 3C in-custody DV matters will continue to be held and all misdemeanor out of custody DV matters will be continued until after July 6, 2020.

Department 5C will be open for Arraignments and further proceedings on bench warrants for and Petitions for Violations of Probation, Community Supervision, Parole, and In Custody DUI arraignments. Out of Custody, DUI arraignments will be continued until after July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Collaborative Court hearings will be done remotely until July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Department 6D will remain closed.

Department 7A will continue to hear prelims.

Department 7B will be open for preliminary hearings.

Department 7C will be open.

Department 7D will continue to hear prelims.

Department 8A will be in trial.

Department 8B is open. End remote arraignments in Department CJ as of May 28, 2020.

Department 8C will be open.

Department 8D will continue to hear prelims.

Department 9A will open as needed.

Department 9B will open as needed.

**FAMILY LAW:**

Department 4A will continue to hear RFOs for custody/visitation and DVROs with custody issues by videoconferencing through June 12. Trials and all matters set on calendar will be heard in court commencing June 15. All trials set through June 13 will be continued.

Department 4B will continue to hear DVROs in court and trials involving urgent matters. All other trials will be continued.

Department 5A will continue to hear child support matters telephonically through July 6 and potentially further. Contempt cases previously set will be heard in court. Long cause trials involving urgent matters will be heard in court, commencing June 15, and all others will be continued.

Mediations will be conducted by videoconferencing through June 12. Commencing June 15, mediators will hold mediations in their offices with only the parties. Attorneys can videoconference in for mediations. **e-Filing** is now available for limited filings.

**Juvenile Justice Center:** Juvenile Traffic is suspended until further notice. All payments are accepted by mail only.

Department J1 will be open as needed.

Department J2 will be closed.

Department J3 will be open.

**Probate:** In June, trial settlement conferences and trials will be heard by a judge. Please check the website for further details. **e-Filing** is now available.

Department 11A will remain operational telephonically for the regular 8:30 calendar at least through June.

**Mental Health:** Department 6C calendar will continue remotely.

**Records Management:** Requests for copies will only be accepted by mail.

**Traffic:** Traffic payments are accepted on-line or by mail only. Traffic Cases are rescheduled until early July. Questions can be e-mailed to [support@sjcourts.org](mailto:support@sjcourts.org). Mandatory court appearances citations are set 120 days out. All Traffic matters are being continued through July 6. Walk-in calendars are suspended.

Department 3B will be closed.

**Self Help:** The Self-Help Center will be closed to the public for in-person assistance. Online assistance is available at [www.sjcourts.org/self-help/](http://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 Webpage at [www.sjcourts.org](http://www.sjcourts.org).

**Unlawful Detainers:** Given the recently announced stay on unlawful detainer proceedings, the Court will not begin accepting filings relating to those matters at **this time**.