

### **California Statewide ‘Stay-at-Home’ Order: Is the Court Considered an “Essential Business”?**

Yes. The order exempts 16 federally designated critical infrastructure sectors, and courthouses are listed in the government facilities sector.

The Courts are deemed an “essential” operation, similar to law enforcement and health care providers even during emergency situations. The Court is required to continue to perform its core judicial functions to ensure access to justice, protect due process, and provide a forum for the orderly resolution of disputes. Usually, we are serving the most critical needs of the most vulnerable in our community, including the elderly, children, and victims of domestic violence, and those whose lives and liberty are at stake.

If you are scheduled to report to work tomorrow, please prepare to come in as planned.