



# COVID-19 UPDATE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA • COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## All Emergency Services Currently Available at San Diego Superior Court Locations

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In an effort to mitigate community spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the San Diego Superior Court has suspended all non-emergency services effective March 17, 2020 through April 30, 2020. All court days from March 17, 2020, to April 30, 2020, inclusive, are deemed a court holiday for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a.

For more detailed information regarding the impact on other statutory deadlines, please see the General Orders posted on the Court's website.

All jurors summoned for the dates March 16, 2020, to May 22, 2020, are not to report to the courthouse. You have fulfilled your service. Jurors summoned past May 23, 2020, are to monitor the Court's website for additional information.

### **SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING THIS PERIOD:**

- Chamber ex parte requests for civil harassment, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Workplace Violence and School Violence Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) and Gun Violence Protective Orders.
- Emergency ex parte lockout proceedings (Unlawful Detainer).
- Ex parte requests for emergency Family TROs and other emergency orders for all types of Family matters.
- Juvenile justice and dependency detention hearings and other emergency orders.
- One Probate judge will be available to cover emergency conservatorships and guardianships as well as other emergency orders in Probate. Please email [PRB@SDCOURT.CA.GOV](mailto:PRB@SDCOURT.CA.GOV).
- Search warrants and abatement warrants.
- Petitions for writ seeking emergency relief in unlawful detainer matters.
- Petitions for writ of habeas corpus challenging quarantine orders.
- Emergency surrogacy order requests (members of the public with such a need are asked to notify the court with their request through the email address: [FAM@SDCOURT.CA.GOV](mailto:FAM@SDCOURT.CA.GOV)).
- Time-sensitive and other miscellaneous criminal matters including probable cause determinations for persons arrested without a warrant, requests and orders for lower bail or own recognizance release from custody pursuant to Penal Code §1269c and requests and orders for release from custody pursuant to stipulations between defense counsel and the prosecution.
- Via remote telephone conference, a Mental Health Hearing Officer will be available to conduct Riese Hearings and certain Certification Review Hearings. In addition, a judge will hear writs and appeals arising from those hearings.

**SERVICES SUSPENDED 3/17/2020 – 4/30/2020:**

<b>Criminal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most criminal proceedings, including readiness hearings, pre-trial motions, trials, and sentencings will be rescheduled except time-sensitive, in-custody criminal matters, including arraignments and preliminary hearings as required by statute or stipulation. All in-custody criminal matters during the COVID-19 pandemic will be heard via remote audio/video.</li><li>• Criminal defendants should contact their attorney.</li><li>• Criminal case attorneys should contact opposing counsel.</li></ul>
<b>Civil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Civil proceedings will be rescheduled except for those matters described in available services.</li><li>• All Unlawful Detainer matters will be rescheduled except for those matters described above in available services.</li><li>• E-Filing and in-person filings are suspended.</li><li>• All Temporary Restraining Orders that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020, to April 30, 2020, inclusive, will be extended, and a new Restraining Order hearing date will be set. For all such cases, the Court will be issuing orders continuing existing orders and assigning a new hearing date.</li></ul>
<b>Family</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Family Court departments are closed except for matters described in available services.</li><li>• All Family and Family Support matters will be rescheduled.</li><li>• All Family Court counseling and mediation matters will be rescheduled.</li><li>• All clinics and workshops have been cancelled.</li><li>• All Temporary Restraining Orders that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020, to April 30, 2020, inclusive, will be extended, and a new Restraining Order hearing date will be set. For all such cases, the Court will be issuing orders continuing existing orders and assigning a new hearing date.</li></ul>
<b>Traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All traffic matters will be rescheduled.</li><li>• All those cited to appear in Traffic Court will have a 30-day grace period to appear starting when the Court reopens all services (monitor <a href="http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov">www.sdcourt.ca.gov</a> for service updates).</li><li>• Limited traffic online services may available at <a href="http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov">www.sdcourt.ca.gov</a>.</li><li>• If you currently have a license hold for a failure to appear, please contact us in person or via email at TRF@SDCOURT.CA.GOV.</li></ul>
<b>Small Claims</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Small Claims filings are suspended.</li><li>• All Small Claims matters will be rescheduled.</li><li>• The Small Claims Advisor is closed.</li></ul>
<b>Juvenile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency matters will be rescheduled except for those matters described above in available services.</li><li>• All adoption and citation calendars will be rescheduled.</li><li>• Please monitor the San Diego Superior Court website <a href="http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov">www.sdcourt.ca.gov</a> for updates.</li></ul>
<b>Probate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Probate hearings will be rescheduled to a new date by the clerk's office except for those matters described in available services. Parties will be informed of the new date by U.S. mail.</li><li>• All in-person visits by Court investigators and Court-approved attorneys for conservatorship cases will be suspended.</li></ul>