



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, will be 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 TROs, DVTROs, and Gun Violence Protective Orders.
- Emergency ex parte lockout proceedings (UD).
- One Family law judge at each branch will review ex parte requests for DV TROs and, starting on April 8, 2020, emergency ex parte orders for all types of family matters.
- One Juvenile judge will be available for dependency detention hearings and for emergency orders.
- One Probate judge will be available to cover emergency conservatorships and other emergency orders in Probate. Please email PRB@SDCOURT.CA.GOV.
- All search warrants (day and night) will be electronic.
- Petitions for writ seeking emergency relief in unlawful detainer matters.
- Emergency writs challenging COVID-19 emergency measures.
- Writs of habeas corpus challenging medical quarantines.
- 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).
- Chamber ex parte requests for Elder Abuse, Workplace Violence and School Violence Restraining Orders.
- 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.
- Requests and orders for release from custody pursuant to stipulations between defense counsel and the prosecution.

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

Criminal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All criminal proceedings including arraignments, preliminary hearings, 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.• Criminal defendants should contact their attorney.• Criminal case attorneys should contact opposing counsel.
Civil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Civil proceedings will be rescheduled except for those matters described in available services.• All Unlawful Detainer (UD) matters will be rescheduled except for those matters described above in available services.• E-Filing and in-person filings are suspended.• All Temporary Restraining Orders that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020, to April 30, 2020, inclusive, will be automatically extended by 30 days, 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.
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Family Court departments are closed except for matters described in available services.• All family and family support matters will be rescheduled.• All Family Court counseling and mediation matters will be rescheduled.• The Family Law Facilitator's Office will be closed to the public.• All clinics and workshops have been cancelled.• All Temporary Restraining Orders that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020, to April 30, 2020, inclusive, will be automatically extended by 30 days, 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.
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All traffic matters will be rescheduled.• 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 www.sdcourt.ca.gov for service updates).• Limited traffic online services may available at www.sdcourt.ca.gov.• 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.
Small Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Small Claims filings are suspended.• All Small Claims matters will be rescheduled.• The Small Claims Advisor will be closed.
Juvenile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency matters will be rescheduled except for those matters described above in available services.• All adoption and citation calendars will be rescheduled.• Juvenile case attorneys: The Superior Court is developing a procedure for processing Juvenile cases suspended during this time period. Please monitor the San Diego Superior Court website www.sdcourt.ca.gov for updates.
Probate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• All in-person visits by Court investigators and Court-approved attorneys for conservatorship cases will be suspended.