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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONO
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONO

In Re
Order of the Presiding Judge

Special Order 2020-1
Amended

In consideration of the public health crisis due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) virus, to follow the leadership and direction of our National, State, and local governments, and to mitigate the transmission of the Coronavirus, the Mono County Superior Court will be limiting access to the courthouse in Mammoth Lakes and the courtroom in Bridgeport. The Mono County Public Health Officer issued an Order on March 17, 2020, that prohibits all non-essential public gatherings, regardless of size. The Mono County Public Health Officer issued an Order on March 19, 2020, requiring the closure of all hotels, motels, RV Parks, and other short-term rentals to restrict travelers from coming into the County of Mono. At this time the court remains open with the following orders in place. Prior Special Orders remain in effect, unless rescinded. If the Mono County Superior Court is required to implement the highest level of restriction to court facilities, the Court will be closed to the public except matters that are determined to be time-sensitive and essential to protect the health,

1 safety, and welfare of all persons within the County of Mono. Emergency Orders are set forth
2 in Special Order 2020-4.

3 This Order is designed to implement recommended social distancing practices as much
4 as practical within the courthouse environment. Activities in the courthouse as set forth in these
5 Orders are deemed essential. These orders may be modified as new public health information is
6 provided and as new Public Health Orders are issued.
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8 1. Only designated persons not employed by the Court or the Mono County Sheriff's
9 Department assigned to court security shall be allowed entry into the Courthouse.

10 2. These persons include, at this time:

- 11 • Locally based attorneys appearing for the purpose of conducting limited
12 criminal matters. This includes Mono County District Attorneys and Mono
13 County contract public defenders. Any other counsel on a criminal matter
14 may appear by telephone or contact a local attorney to make a special
15 appearance.
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- 17 • Locally based attorneys appearing for Juvenile Law matters where the
18 protection of minors and/or strict time frames require hearings before the
19 court. This includes attorneys from the Mono County Counsel's office and
20 attorneys appointed to represent parents or minors. Appearances may be
21 made by telephone. Any other counsel on a juvenile matter may appear by
22 telephone or contact a local attorney to make a special appearance.
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- 24 • Locally based attorneys appearing on an emergency matter as described in
25 Special Order 2020-4. Other persons required to appear for an emergency
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1 matter as described in Special Order 2020-4. The entry of such persons into
2 the courthouse will require prior approval.

- 3 • Persons required to provide essential services to maintain the building
4 functions of the court, information technology functions, or other essential
5 functions of the court as designated by the Court Executive Officer. Prior
6 approval must be granted by the Court Executive Officer or his designee.
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8 The court will authorize telephonic appearances to the fullest extent authorized by Rule
9 3.670 of the California Rules of Court. Counsel and self-represented parties shall make
10 arrangements to appear telephonically by contacting the Clerk of the Court.
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12 If you are not one of these designated persons, do not come to the court.

13 **Criminal Matters**

- 14 1. Counsel for both the People and the Defense of any person shall appear by telephone
15 if at all possible. The court encourages that attorneys for the People and Defense
16 make arrangements to have one attorney specially appear for all other attorneys.
17 Please contact the Clerk of the Court for instructions.
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- 19 2. Effective immediately, any prior order to a defendant to appear in a misdemeanor
20 case on calendar between March 23, 2020, and April 30, 2020, is rescinded. Counsel
21 can appear as described above pursuant to Penal Code Section 977.
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- 23 3. Effective immediately, the court will accept Penal Code Section 977 written waivers
24 issued out of court for any person charged with a felony who is released on bond or
25 on his or her own recognizance for matters on calendar between March 23, 2020,
26 and April 30, 2020. Counsel can appear as described above pursuant to Penal Code
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1 Section 977. Appearance by counsel for this purpose will constitute good cause for
2 any the nonappearance of any person ordered to appear.

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4 4. Effective immediately, all criminal jury and court trials presently set in the months
5 of March, April, and May 2020, are vacated. Any matters set for trial will be placed
6 on calendar for a continued trial date if a pre-trial date has not already been set.
- 7 5. Effective immediately, all remand orders for any person sentenced to time in custody
8 or ordered to remand as a condition of probation, community supervision, to serve
9 time in lieu of a fine, or for any other reason, are hereby temporarily vacated.
10 Matters with remand orders will be calendared at a future date and new remand
11 orders will be made. Persons with remand orders may contact their attorney or the
12 Clerk of the Court by telephone or email for further instructions.
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14 6. Probationers shall not be arrested and brought to the Mono County Jail without prior
15 discussion and approval of the District Attorney's Office. All flash incarceration
16 orders are hereby suspended.
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18 7. The court, in consultation with the Mono County Sheriff and the Mono County
19 District Attorney, will take all necessary action to limit the entry of persons into the
20 custody of the Mono County Jail.

21 **Small Claims Trials**

22 All Small Claims trials shall be vacated and set for some time after May 31, 2020. The
23 Clerk of the Court will provide notice to the parties of the new date.
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1 **Self-Help Center and Family Law Facilitator**

2 The Mono County Self-Help terminals shall be closed until further notice. The Family
3 Law Facilitator will only be able to assist persons through telephone or email at this
4 time.
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6 This order shall be in effect until the Order of the Mono County Public Health Officer is
7 rescinded or modified.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 Dated: March 19, 2020



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13 Mark Magit
14 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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