



Superior Court of the State of California
In and For The County of Placer
Roseville, California

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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
UPDATED: MARCH 20, 2020**

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N-33-20 (Governor's Order) and ordered "all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed...".

As part of the State's critical infrastructure, the Superior Court of Placer County remains open. However, in light of the ongoing State of Emergency regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor's Order, the Court is announcing a further reduction to services and the matters being heard by the court.

This notice modifies the Court's previous announcements made March 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18, 2020.

Effective **MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020**, the Placer County Superior Court will reduce to critical minimum functions. The Court will focus efforts on matters involving civil liberties, restraining orders, and similar emergency matters as outlined below. The Court's operations will be limited to the following:

- Felony and misdemeanor in-custody matters.
- Felony out-of-custody matters where time has not been waived.
- Felony out-of-custody arraignments, preliminary hearings, trial assignment and trials.
- Felony and misdemeanor mental health cases on the mental health treatment calendars.
- Felony and misdemeanor sex offense cases.

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- Misdemeanor arraignments, including driving under the influence but excluding all other traffic related offenses.
- Search and arrest warrants and petitions related to bail.
- Juvenile justice and juvenile dependency matters.
- Temporary Guardianships, Temporary Conservatorships, civil restraining orders including but not limited to Civil Harassment and Elder Abuse Restraining orders, petitions related to firearms, requests for unlawful detainer stays, and all requests for emergency relief.
- Family Law domestic violence restraining orders, adoptions, petitions for freedom from custody and control, and termination of parental rights.
- The court acknowledges that it remains in the public's interest to minimize the number of jurors summoned to the court during the current State of Emergency. There are currently no jury trials set through March 27.

Please take note: this notice expands the list of matters postponed by the Court to include **family law child custody**. Family law child custody matters previously set between March 23 and April 10, 2020, excluding those set through the Request for Emergency Order process, are postponed eight weeks. The court will provide notice to the parties. Please see the court's notice posted on March 18, 2020 for details on previously postponed matters.

The Court Clerk's Office is open at the Howard G. Gibson Courthouse (Roseville) and the Tahoe City Courthouse. The Court's Juvenile Courthouse will be open only when matters are set on calendar and will not otherwise be open for filings. The Court's Historic Courthouse is closed.

The Court Clerk's Office will only accept filings at the public counter related directly to matters noted above. Filings and payments related to matters not mentioned above should either be mailed to the court or placed in the drop boxes at the Howard G. Gibson Courthouse and Tahoe City Courthouse. Further, the court has declared March 17 to April 10, 2020 as court holidays for the purposes of computing time under Code of Civil Procedure section 12 and 12(a).

The Court's Self-Help Center has discontinued all in-person services. Please visit the Self-Help Center page on our website to schedule a telephone or video appointment. Self-Help will only assist with matters that are currently being heard by the court.

The court reminds members of the public that they should only come to the courthouse for official court business. If you are not a party to an action and are not filing papers with the court, the court reminds you of the Governor's Order for Californians to remain at their residences. The court strongly discourages individuals who do not have an active role in court hearings from attending court at this time. Court proceedings will remain open to the media.

Those who do attend court must follow social distancing guidelines.

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If you believe you are sick, or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at 916-408-6000 for further information. If you have an attorney, contact your attorney before calling the Court. Defendants who have posted bail are encouraged to discuss the bail issues with their attorney and the bail bonding company.

This notice will be updated as court services are further modified and/or restored.