



# NEWS RELEASE

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA • COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## San Diego Superior Court To Reduce Court Operations During Pandemic *Non-Emergency Court Hearings to be Continued – Jury Service, Clinics, Workshops and other Services Temporarily Closed.*

In an effort to promote the health and safety of court users and employees as well as mitigate community spread of the Covid-19/Coronavirus, The San Diego Superior Court has suspended all non-emergency services effective **March 17, 2020-April 3, 2020:**

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BELOW, THE COURT WILL BE CLOSED FOR:

### **CRIMINAL**

- All criminal proceedings including arraignments, readiness, pre-trial motions, trials and sentencing.

### **CIVIL**

- All civil proceedings will be rescheduled.
- All Unlawful Detainer (UD) matters will be rescheduled.

### **FAMILY**

- All family court departments are closed.
- 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 family support matters will be rescheduled.

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**TRAFFIC**

- All traffic matters will be rescheduled.
- All those cited to appear in Traffic Court will have a 30-day grace period starting when the court reopens all services (monitor [sdcourt.ca.gov](http://sdcourt.ca.gov) for service updates)

**SMALL CLAIMS**

- All Small Claims matters will be continued.
- The Small Claims Advisor will be closed.

**JUVENILE**

- All Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency matters will be continued.
- All adoption and citation calendars will be continued.

**PROBATE**

- All Probate hearings are suspended.
- All in-person visits related to guardianship and conservatorship cases will be suspended.

**THE COURT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR:**

- Chamber ex-parte requests for civil harassment TROs, DVTROs, and Gun Violence Protective Orders at each branch.
- Emergency ex-parte lockout proceedings (UD).
- One Family law judge at each branch will review ex-parte requests for emergency TROs, Guardianship requests where a minor's safety is at risk.
- One Juvenile judge will be available for emergency orders and Dependency detentions.
- One Probate judge will be available to cover emergency conservatorship and other emergency orders in Probate.
- All search warrants (day and night) will be electronically submitted.

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If you have a case and have a case-specific question, you are asked to submit an email. Non-case specific questions will not be answered. You must include your name and case number:

<u>TRF@SDCOURT.CA.GOV</u>	(Traffic)
<u>CVL@SDCOURT.CA.GOV</u>	(Civil)
<u>JURYSUPPORT@SDCOURT.CA.GOV</u>	(Jury)
<u>PRB@SDCOURT.CA.GOV</u>	(Probate)
<u>FAM@SDCOURT.CA.GOV</u>	(Family)
<u>SMC@SDCOURT.CA.GOV</u>	(Small Claims)

In addition, effective **March 17, 2020 – April 3, 2020**, the Court will institute the following change:

- **JURY**  
All jurors summoned for the dates **March 16, 2020-April 3, 2020**, are not to report to the courthouse. You have fulfilled your service. Jurors summoned past April 5, 2020 are to monitor this website for additional information.
- **WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS**  
All workshops and clinics have been cancelled from March 16, 2020-April 3, 2020.
- **VOLUNTEERS**  
All Court Volunteers, including Temporary Judges and Justice Corps members, are not to report to their assigned courthouses.
- **COURT RESEARCHERS**  
All Court Research activities will be discontinued until after April 5, 2020. Please monitor [sdcourt.ca.gov](http://sdcourt.ca.gov) for any updated information on this activity.

The public is urged to monitor the San Diego Superior Court website ([sdcourt.ca.gov](http://sdcourt.ca.gov)) for updated information.

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