

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SOLANO COUNTY
ANNOUNCES UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
AND ORDER OF SOLANO COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
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The Solano County Superior Court is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and is in routine communication with Solano County officials including the Solano County Health Officer. On March 18, 2020, the Solano County Health Officer issued orders to promote the health and welfare of citizens by reducing opportunities for public contact. The order allows for continued essential activities to be conducted when those activities cannot be postponed or achieved without gathering.

On March 17, 2020, the Chief Justice granted the Court's request for an Emergency Order effective through April 5, 2020. To focus on public safety, and ensure access to essential court services, the court is reducing operations.

Effective March 20, 2020:

1. Filings in Fairfield and Vallejo courthouses will be accepted via the drop-box. The clerk's office will not be open for in-person processing.
2. All time waived felony and misdemeanor arraignments, hearings, and court appearances in both the Vallejo and Fairfield courthouses, that are set between March 20, 2020, and April 5, 2020, are continued 60 days from their current date unless you have been otherwise notified.
3. All no time waived felony and misdemeanor hearings and court appearances in both the Vallejo and Fairfield courthouses, that are set between March 20, 2020, and April 5, 2020, will be heard in the Fairfield courthouse on the date presently set.
4. Jury Services recognizes the public's concerns presented by COVID-19. Many criminal jury trials are being continued. As this occurs, the need for jurors lessens. Follow the reporting instructions on your jury summons to know the outcome of your jury service.
5. All non-traffic infraction and traffic infraction matters scheduled between March 20, 2020 and April 5, 2020 will be continued. The court will provide notice of the continued hearing date.
6. All juvenile delinquency and dependency detentions, arraignments and other hearings will remain as scheduled unless you have been notified not to appear or the parties have an approved stipulation or order for continuance. Matters will be heard in Courtroom 101 in the Hall of Justice in Fairfield.

7. The Court will continue to process requests for Temporary Restraining Orders, including domestic violence, civil harassment and elder abuse orders, and requests for emergency relief in Civil and Probate matters. Hearings currently scheduled for these matters will remain as scheduled unless case-specific arrangements are made with the scheduled department.
8. Orders establishing temporary guardianships and temporary conservatorships will be extended by operation of the emergency order. Any hearings currently scheduled will be continued up to 60 days and notice will be provided.
9. All Family Law matters, including DCSS, scheduled between March 20, 2020 and April 5, 2020 will be continued 60 days from currently set date. The court will provide notice of the continued hearing date. The court will continue to process requests for emergency Family Law orders on an ex parte basis.
10. The Self-Help Center is closed for public access. Requests for assistance may be made by email at flf@solano.courts.ca.gov.
11. Civil matters scheduled between March 20, 2020 and April 5, 2020 will be continued. All civil jury and court trials, including small claims and unlawful detainer hearings, set between March 20 and April 5, 2020 are continued. The court will provide notice of the continued hearing date. Any civil case which required publication of notice by newspaper will remain on calendar.

The Court will continue to monitor the evolving situation and will update this notice as circumstances warrant. Any revised orders will be posted on the Court's website at www.solanocourts.com.

To ensure accurate notice of continued hearing dates, it is the responsibility of the parties and/or their attorneys to ensure that the court has current contact information including accurate mailing address and telephone.