

INFORMATION REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND COURT OPERATIONS

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The Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento continues to closely monitor state and local responses to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and will be following guidance provided by state and local public health agencies and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), available here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

At this time, there are no changes to normal court operations within the Court. Any future changes or updates will be posted on the website and communicated as appropriate. Any changes in court operations will be based on the guidance provided by public health agencies.

If you have flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath), please contact your healthcare provider for details on how to proceed with proper medical care and testing.

If you are required to report to or appear in court, please note the following:

JURY SERVICE – If you are summoned for jury service and are experiencing any acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, headaches), flu-like symptoms, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing, please do not report for jury service. Instead, contact the Jury Office at **(916) 874-7775** to reschedule your service to a later date. If you are in a high risk group (older in age or have an underlying medical condition that places you at an increased risk) you may also reschedule your jury service.

COURT APPEARANCES – If you are scheduled for a court appearance, you must follow the specific instructions below. *In some instances, an appearance may be made telephonically.*

TRAFFIC – If you are scheduled to appear in court for a traffic matter and are experiencing any acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, headaches), flu-like symptoms, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing, please do not come to court.

Please contact the Traffic Office at **(916) 875-7800** to reschedule your appearance to a later date. Traffic citations can also be paid online here: <https://services.saccourt.ca.gov/PublicCaseAccess/Traffic>

CRIMINAL – If you are scheduled to appear in court for a misdemeanor or felony matter and are experiencing any acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, headaches), flu-like symptoms, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing, please do not come to court.

Defendants who have an attorney should contact the attorney for instruction.

Defendants who do not have an attorney should contact the appropriate department and leave a message indicating you are ill and leave appropriate call back information to have your case rescheduled. Courtroom phone numbers can be found here: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/court-phone.aspx>

Witnesses and victims, please contact the appropriate agency that has been in touch with you about the matter for which you are scheduled to appear.

CIVIL, PROBATE, FAMILY COURT, JUVENILE – If you have a matter on calendar and are experiencing any acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, headaches), flu-like symptoms, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing, please do not come to court.

Parties who have an attorney should contact their attorney for instructions.

Parties without an attorney should call the courtroom department where your matter is scheduled. Courtroom phone numbers can be found here: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/court-phone.aspx>.

Additional COVID-19 Resources and Updates:

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

California Department of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

Sacramento County Department of Public Health: <https://dhs.saccounty.net/PUB/Pages/PUB-Home.aspx>