

**Superior Court of California  
County of Santa Clara**

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REBECCA J. FLEMING, Chief Executive Officer

**NOTICE**

**INFORMATION REGARDING FAMILY DIVISION OPERATIONS  
DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (APRIL 7, 2020)**

On March 16, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued an order directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The Public Health Officer issued another order extending these directives on March 31, 2020.

In order to effectuate the Public Health Officer's order while also continuing to provide essential services, the Family Division shall operate in the following manner until further notice:

1. Pursuant to the General Orders implementing emergency relief issued by Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan on March 23rd and April 1, 2020, the periods from March 17, 2020, to March 27, 2020, inclusive, and March 30th and April 28, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays for purposes of computing time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a for all of the following:

(a) Petitions for Dissolution of Marriage, Legal Separation or Nullity; Petitions to Establish Parental Relationship; Summons and Complaint filed by the Department of Child Support Services; and Requests for Order, except requests for Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO).

(b) The time in which to respond to discovery including file objections to discovery, or file motions for protective orders or to compel discovery pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 2016.010 et seq.

(c) The time to file, hear and rule on any post-trial motions including but not limited to a notice of intention to move for a new trial, and the time file, to hear and to decide a motion for a new trial, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 659 et seq.

The list of matters identified above is illustrative rather than exhaustive, and there may be other matters affected by the time provisions included in the General Orders.

2. All family law trials and Family Code section 217 evidentiary hearings, excluding Requests for DVRO, scheduled between Tuesday, March 17, 2020, through Friday, May 1, 2020, are hereby vacated. Trials originally scheduled during this period will be re-scheduled to a Status Conference.

Pursuant to Emergency Rule 8 of the California Rules of Court, adopted by the Judicial Council on April 6, 2020, all DVRO trials scheduled between March 17, 2020, through May 1, 2020, will be continued by the court for up to 90 days, except where the court has determined that child custody and visitation must be addressed.

When normal operations resume, the court will set new trial dates for all affected family cases, taking into consideration the original trial date, the exigency of the subject matter, and any statutory priority.

3. Mandatory settlement conferences scheduled between March 17, 2020, through May 1, 2020, are hereby vacated. When normal operations resume, the court will set new mandatory settlement conference dates.

4. All law and motion matters scheduled between March 17, 2020, through May 1, 2020, are hereby continued, excluding: (a) requests for DVRO where the court has determined that child custody and visitation must be addressed; (b) Order to Show Cause re: Contempt, where personal appearance may be necessary to preserve the court's jurisdiction; and (c) Requests for Order or other matters involving the safety of children, such as Emergency Screenings.

Any Temporary Emergency Order shall remain in effect until the continued hearing date, unless otherwise indicated by the court.

Parties and counsel are strongly encouraged to arrange for telephonic appearances through CourtCall.

5. Most Status Conferences scheduled between March 17, 2020, through May 1, 2020, are hereby continued. The court will send notice of a re-scheduled Status Conference.

6. Most Judicial Custody Conferences, Custody Settlement Conferences, and Custody and Visitation Review Hearings scheduled between March 17, 2020, through May 1, 2020, are hereby continued. The court will send notice of a re-scheduled conference or review hearing.

7. All matters scheduled before a Child Support Commissioner between March 17, 2020, through May 1, 2020, are hereby continued. The court will send notice of the re-scheduled hearing date.