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Clerk of the Court
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
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7 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
8 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

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10 **GENERAL ORDER RE: ACCESS TO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER**
11 **COURTHOUSE FOR FAMILY DIVISION EX PARTE FILINGS**

12 This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

13 1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency
14 related to COVID-19.

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

20 3. Protection of public health and safety in connection with this situation has
21 resulted or is expected to result in significant interference with Superior Court services and
22 proceedings.

23 4. Essential functions of the Family Division of the Superior Court at this time are
24 limited to proceedings that are required to protect the safety of individuals or children in a family
25 law proceeding.

1 5. Those persons seeking assistance with or to file the following pleadings will be
2 permitted to enter the Family Justice Center Courthouse, and will be permitted access to the Self-
3 Help Center/Restraining Order Help Center, the Clerk's Office and/or the Drop Box:

4 a. Pleadings related to the prevention of domestic violence (Forms DV-100
5 through DV-901), or gun violence (Forms GV-009 through GV-710).


6 b. Pleadings requesting temporary emergency orders in which the orders
7 requested involve child custody and visitation issues or child safety issues (Form FL-305).

8 6. Those persons seeking assistance with the following pleadings will be permitted
9 to enter the Family Justice Center Courthouse and will be permitted access to the Self-Help
10 Center/Restraining Order Help Center:

11 Pleadings related to the prevention of civil violence, such as civil harassment
12 (Forms CH-100 through CH-800), elder or dependent abuse (Forms EA-100 through EA-800),
13 workplace violence (Forms WV-100 through WV-800), school violence (Forms SV-100 through
14 SV-800), or juvenile dependency restraining orders (Forms JV-245 through JV-257).

15 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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18 Dated: March 23, 2020

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20 DEBORAH A. RYAN
21 Presiding Judge of the
22 Superior Court