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## Santa Clara County Superior Court Video Hearings and Remote Courtroom Access During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Santa Clara County Superior Court is utilizing video technology to conduct some proceedings remotely, which allows the Court to conduct certain criminal and juvenile proceedings when they could not otherwise proceed without the parties and attorneys physically present in the courtroom. In March, the Court began conducting [remote video arraignments of defendants in custody at the County Jail](#).

“We are looking for every opportunity to achieve some normalcy in Court proceedings for our community during these very unusual circumstances. Our Court and its judicial officers remain committed to serving our community during this pandemic,” said Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan. “Conducting judicial proceedings with some participants outside of the courtroom allows our Court to provide access to justice while adhering to State and local social distancing protocols.”

To facilitate public access to court proceedings without the need to enter the courthouse physically, the Court has established listen-only telephone lines to allow remote access of hearings. Public telephone lines can be accessed by [visiting the Court’s website](#). Confidential proceedings, including certain juvenile matters, remain closed to the public.

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