



Superior Court of California County of Orange ***News Release***

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JUVENILE LAW:

Effective Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Juvenile Court will reopen a limited number of courtrooms for detention hearings:

- **One delinquency/juvenile justice** courtroom will be open for juvenile justice detention hearings. Only the child and his/her parent(s) or custodial caregiver and retained or appointed counsel will be allowed into the courtroom. Parties and attorneys may appear via telephone or video. Detained minors will appear via video, unless otherwise ordered.
- **One dependency courtroom** will be open in order to conduct dependency detention hearings. All parties and their appointed or retained counsel will be allowed into the courtroom. Parties and attorneys may appear via telephone or video.
- **An additional courtroom** may open to address both juvenile justice and dependency courtroom overflow.

Emergency Matters:

The Court will address, via electronic submission, those orders that involve immediate risk or irreparable injury to the physical and emotional health of a child.

The Court's Juvenile Law 24-7 duty obligations will continue as in the past regarding any protective custody warrants, probable cause declarations, duty calls from the juvenile facilities, as well as any emergency orders.

All other matters will be continued. No other juvenile court business will be conducted during this emergency unless ordered by the Juvenile Presiding Judge. The Juvenile Court Clerk's office will remain closed.