

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

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COURT CLOSURE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Santa Ana, CA –The Orange County Superior Court will remain closed to the public through at least **May 22, 2020**, with some exceptions for time sensitive matters or matters pertaining to the safety and security of the community.

At the request of Presiding Judge Kirk H. Nakamura, today California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye issued an additional emergency order authorizing the extension of the closure of <u>Court facilities to the public</u>, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 68115. For purposes of computing certain court-related deadlines, the closure will be considered a public holiday.

There is no date certain for when the Court will reopen to the public Given the fluid nature of this Covid-19 crisis, and the ever-changing availability of resources, you are encouraged to frequently check our <u>website's COVID-19 webpage</u> for the latest information and Court Administrative Orders.

The Court is mindful of the balance that must be maintained between the timely administration of justice and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our employees, justice partners, and the community.

The public is encouraged to refer to the OC Health Care Agency website for up-to-date information about COVID-19 symptoms:

http://www.ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/epidasmt/epi/dip/prevention/novel coronavirus

More information will be released as it becomes available.