



Superior Court of California County of Orange

Civil- Unlawful Detainers (Evictions)

UPDATE – Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Effective May 26, 2020 and until further notice, all unlawful detainer (eviction) matters will only be processed at the Central Justice Center. Services will not be provided at the branch courts.

Due to social distancing, the public will have limited access to the building. Unless the court orders otherwise, appearances will be conducted via video appearance.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW CAREFULLY BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER.

1. Submission of Filings

- a. All filings related to unlawful detainer (eviction) matters can be submitted to the court as noted below.
 - By email to CivilSRL@occourts.org (for self-represented litigants only). Party is to provide a phone number for court contact.
 - By electronic filing (eFiling).
 - By drop-box located by the front entrance of the Central Justice Center. Party is to provide a phone number for court contact.
 - In-person by appointment only- appointment can be scheduled through the court's website <https://www.occourts.org/media-relations/CourtCalendarAppointments.html>;
 - By US Mail at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

If filings fees are due, the parties will be contacted by phone regarding payment.

- b. **Self Help Assistance-** The public is encouraged to consult Self Help services prior to filing documents. Self Help assistance is available via telephone at 657-622-8511.
- c. All filings received by the Court during the designated holiday period of March 17, 2020 through May 22, 2020 are deemed filed as of May 26, 2020.
- d. New Unlawful Detainer/Eviction matters will be processed in accordance with COVID-19 emergency orders issued as follows:
 - Governor Newsom's Executive Orders 28/20, which continued to be in effect through July 28, 2020 per Executive Order 66-20 regarding the enforcement of evictions affected by COVID-19;
 - Relevant Ordinances as issued by various cities;
 - Judicial Council of California's Emergency Rule 1 impacting the issuance of summons, entry of default and trial setting that is in place until 90 days after the Governor lifts the state of emergency related to COVID-19.

2. Appearances

Due to various restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court will significantly limit in-person appearances until further notice. Unless specifically ordered otherwise by the court, eviction relating hearings will be conducted via video appearance.

In-person appearances

- Starting July 2, 2020, all Judgement Debtor Examinations will be scheduled for in-person appearance at the Civil Complex Center located at 751 West Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Video Appearances

- Unlawful Detainer/Eviction related hearings have been rescheduled to resume June 15, 2020, with notice to all parties.
- All hearings will be conducted by video via Microsoft Teams, unless ordered otherwise by the court.
- If a party does not have the ability to connect via video, the party is to call the courtroom or 657-622-8513 to request an alternative means to appear.
- Further instructions regarding video appearances will be posted by Friday, June 12, 2020.