



# Superior Court of California County of Orange

## Civil- Unlawful Detainers (Evictions) and Small Claims

UPDATE – Thursday, April 30, 2020

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the Orange County Superior Court significantly reduced services to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, only matters identified as time sensitive or pertain to the safety and security of our community will be heard.

### Emergency Ex-parte Lock-out matters (Unlawful Detainer/Eviction)

1. The court will be available for the following unlawful detainer/eviction related services:

➤ **Emergency request to stay lock-out date (Unlawful Detainer/Eviction)**

Requests to stay lock-out date can be submitted either via email or by paper filing as follows:

- Email: Submit applicable forms/petitions to [CivilUrgent@occourts.org](mailto:CivilUrgent@occourts.org)
- Paper: Alternatively, submit applicable forms/petitions in person at Central Justice Center via the drop box by the front entrance
- For assistance, Self Help Services will be available onsite at Central Justice Center. Follow the instructions posted on the front entrance by the table
- Once reviewed by the court,
  - If filed in person via drop box, the order will be provided to petitioner
  - If filed via email, the order will be sent to petitioner via email and certified copies via mail
- If filing fees are due, notice of fees due will be included and fees will be collected at the next court hearing

2. **All other Unlawful Detainer/Eviction related hearings** set from March 17, 2020 through June 30, 2020 will be rescheduled in priority order for a date after June 15, 2020, with notice to all parties. All hearings will be heard at the Central Justice Center. At this time, there is no change to hearings scheduled on or after July 1, 2020. Due to the fluid nature of the pandemic crisis, you are encouraged to check the court's COVID-19 website to obtain information on your options to appear on your case.

### Opposition to Claim of Exemption

The court will accept and process filings for Notice of Opposition to Claim of Exemption as follows:

- Email: Submit applicable forms to [CivilUrgent@occourts.org](mailto:CivilUrgent@occourts.org) (email submission is preferred by the court)

- Paper: Alternatively, submit applicable forms/petitions in person at Central Justice Center via the drop box by the front entrance
- The filing will be processed and scheduled for hearing after June 15, 2020 with notice to all parties.

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### **Small Claims Matters**

**All Small Claims hearings** set for March 17, 2020 through June 30, 2020 will be rescheduled to a date after June 15, 2020, with notice to all parties. All hearings will be heard at the Central Justice Center. At this time, there is no change to hearings scheduled on or after July 1, 2020. Due to the fluid nature of the pandemic crisis, you are encouraged to check the court's COVID-19 website to obtain information on your options to appear on your case.