



Superior Court of California

County of Orange

Civil Harassment and Gun Violence Restraining Orders

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.

Civil and Gun Violence Restraining Orders

1. The court will be available for the following restraining order services:

- **Civil Temporary Restraining Orders**
- **Emergency Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO)**

Requests can be submitted either via email or by paper filing as follows:

- Email: Submit applicable forms/petitions to 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

For information regarding Restraining Orders, please visit the court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/self-help/restrainingorders> and <https://california.tylerhost.net/SRL>

2. **Law enforcement emergency GVRO** requests will continue to be supported via the on-call EPO Referee process.

3. **Hearing on the Request for Restraining Order- Civil Harassment and Gun Violence Restraining Order:**

- Hearings set between March 17, 2020 through April 24, 2020 have been rescheduled to be heard at the Central Justice Center starting on May 1, 2020. Notice has been provided to all parties (by the court or the petitioner as ordered by the court). There are no changes to hearings scheduled starting July 1, 2020.
- **Appearance by video:** All appearances will be conducted via video appearance until further notice. No in-person hearings will be conducted unless specifically ordered by the court. All parties must follow the instructions on the notice provided to appear by video. Parties must call the court at the phone number on the notice the day before the hearing to receive the video appearance information.