



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

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UPDATE – Monday, March 23, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, the Orange County Superior Court was closed to the public, with minimal exceptions, on matters it identifies as time sensitive or pertain to the safety and security of our community.

CIVIL & SMALL CLAIMS:

1. The court will be available for the following Civil related services:
 - **Civil Temporary Restraining Orders**
 - **Emergency Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO)**
 - **Emergency Ex-parte Lock-out Matters (UD)**
 - **Emergency Civil Temporary Injunctions (CRC 3.1150)**

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

- Email: Submit applicable forms/petitions (and fee waiver if applicable) to CivilUrgent@occourts.org (Note: eFiling should not be used for these filings)
- Paper: Alternatively, submit applicable forms/petitions in person at Central Justice Center via the drop box by the front entrance.
- Self Help Services will be available onsite at Central Justice Center. Follow the instructions posted on the front entrance.
- 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 www.occourts.org 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. **All other Civil hearing** dates on any civil case set during the next 60 days (including court and jury trials in progress or calendared to begin during this timeframe) are deemed vacated and will be reset for a date beyond 60 days. Notice will be provided to all parties. Although hearings may continue to display as calendared in electronic online case access, no hearings will be conducted during this period. See Administrative Order 2020/06 posted on the court's website www.occourts.org.