



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

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The Orange County Superior Court is closed to the public, with minimal exceptions for time sensitive matters, or matters pertaining to the safety and security of the community.

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. **All restraining order** hearing dates set during the closure period will be rescheduled for a future date. 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 until after April 24, 2020.**

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
- Paper: Alternatively, submit applicable forms/petitions in person at Central Justice Center via the drop box by the front entrance
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2. **All other Unlawful Detainer/Eviction hearing** dates set during the next 60 days 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

Small Claims Matters

All Small Claims hearing dates set during the next 60 days 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.

Other Civil Limited, Unlimited, Complex

1. The court will be available for the following Civil Limited, Unlimited and Complex related service:

- **Emergency Civil Temporary Injunctions (CRC 3.1150)**

Requests for emergency relief per CRC 3.1120 shall be submitted via email as follows:

- Email: Submit applicable forms/petitions to CivilUrgent@occourts.org (Note: eFiling should not be used for these filings during the closure period)
- Any required appearance shall be done via court call
- 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 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.