



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

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UPDATE – Tuesday, March 24, 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.

## **CRIMINAL LAW:**

Justice partners and law enforcement agencies are asked to follow the *On-Call Magistrate (OCM)* process for assistance with all duty matters from the local Duty Judge during normal business hours and from the assigned Night Judge outside regular business hours.

The process for assistance from the Duty Judge, OCM or the Night Judge remains the same: contact the Pretrial Services Unit at (714) 647-4581. Pretrial Services Officers will contact the appropriate magistrate based on type of matter, day of week and time.

Please note that Pretrial Services Officers (PTSO) may only answer questions for matters and processes assigned to the Duty Judge, OCM and Night Judge duty assignments. PTSU services and assistance related to bail and in-custody defendants remains the same.