



Superior Court
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COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE: LAKE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CONTINUES WITH REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

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As the COVID-19 pandemic persists and the state and local Shelter at Home orders remain in effect, the court continues to provide necessary and essential services to court users while protecting the health of all who come before or work within the court. In response to public health orders the court has limited the number of cases on calendar, requires social distancing in court facilities, requires face coverings and will continue to handle matters via remote means whenever possible.

Remote Court Hearings

The court will continue to hold the following hearings by remote appearance until further notice. All attorneys and parties **MUST APPEAR BY PHONE/VIDEO** as directed by the court.

- Daily In-custody Criminal Arraignments
- Juvenile Detention Hearings, Department 4
- Felony Law & Motion, Department 3, Tuesdays at 8:15 am
- Sentencings, Department 3, Mondays at 3:00 pm
- Misdemeanor Disposition/Setting and Motions, Department 1, Mondays at 8:15 am and 1:30 pm
- Misdemeanor Settlement Conferences, Department 1, Tuesdays at 1:30 pm
- Civil Law & Motion, Department 2, Mondays at 9:00 am
- Civil Case Management, Department 2, Mondays at 10:30 am
- Conservatorships, Department 2, Mondays at 1:30 pm
- Probate, Department 2, Mondays at 2:00 pm
- Department of Child Support Services Family Support, Clearlake Branch Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders, Department 2, Tuesdays at 8:15 am
- Family Law & Motion, Department 2, Tuesdays at 10:00 am
- Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Calendars, Mondays, 8:15am/1:30pm, Department 4
- Civil Harassment Restraining Order Calendar, Tuesdays, 8:15am, Department 4
- Civil Settlement Calendar, Tuesdays, 9:00 am, Department 4
- Trial Assignment, Fridays, 8:15 am, Department 4

Trials and Contested Hearings

The court will continue conducting in-person trials or contested hearings which will be direct set for Thursdays and Fridays. The number of cases set on a given date/time will be limited to allow for appropriate social distancing.

Felony Law & Motion, Sentencing and Preliminary Hearings

The felony law and motion and sentencing calendars will be held by remote appearance. However, out-of-custody defendants ordered to appear will be required to attend in person. Preliminary hearings will continue to be held in person.

Misdemeanor Arraignment Calendar

The misdemeanor arraignment calendar will continue to be held in person. The number of cases set on a given date/time have been limited to allow for appropriate social distancing.

Jury Trials

The court is prepared to conduct jury trials, as necessary. If you receive a jury summons, you are required to appear. Steps have been taken to minimize the risk to jurors, including reducing the number of jurors who are summoned to appear at one time. Jurors who are unable to serve because they are high-risk for COVID-19 related complications, will be excused prior to coming to the courthouse. Additional details about the excusal process and precautions will be provided with the jury summons.

Clearlake Branch Operations: Small Claims/Traffic/Unlawful Detainer

The Clearlake Branch will continue to hold court calendars in-person. The number of cases set on calendar have been limited and staff will limit the number of people who enter the building to ensure proper social distancing.

Self-Help Center

The Self-Help Center will continue to provide service by remote means only. Litigants can contact the Self-Help Center by phone (707) 994-4612, or email self.help@lake.courts.ca.gov for assistance.

Court Clerk's Offices

The Court Clerk's Offices continue to be open to the public daily from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The public is encouraged to continue to make use of the drop-box whenever possible, to avoid a person-to-person interaction.

As the situation is quickly evolving, we will keep the public up to date on our website www.lake.courts.ca.gov.

All Judicial Council forms may be found at <https://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm>.