Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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Santa Clara County Superior Court Commences With Expansion of Court Services and Judicial Proceedings

The Santa Clara County Superior Court has begun a phased expansion of judicial proceedings and reopening of clerk's offices in courthouses located around the county. Last week, Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan <u>issued an order</u> which restricts Court access to only those persons required to appear in Court for a hearing or to conduct official business with the Court. No other persons will be permitted entry to the courthouse without showing good cause. This order was issued to reflect that the Court is reopening clerk's offices in several courthouses during the month of June.

On Monday, June 15, 2020, the clerk's offices at the Hall of Justice Criminal Courthouse and the Family Justice Center Courthouse reopened for in-person official business with the Court. The Civil and Traffic Court clerk's offices will reopen for in-person services on June 29, 2020.

The Court will be adding judicial proceedings and reopening courtrooms over the coming weeks and months. Misdemeanor hearings (in and out of custody arraignment/pretrial/motion) and Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) matters will recommence on June 22, 2020. All Juvenile Dependency courtrooms and all but two Family Law courtrooms will be hearing matters by June 29, 2020.

Case information, including upcoming hearing dates, can be viewed online by visiting the Court's <u>Public Portal</u>. Please continue to visit the <u>Court's COVID-19 response website</u> for updates as we expand courtroom and courthouse services.

Throughout this expansion process, the Superior Court continues to observe and enforce <u>social</u> <u>distancing requirements</u>, including the use of proper <u>face coverings</u> for all persons who enter the courthouses.

"The Santa Clara County Superior Court will both look and operate differently for the foreseeable future. Those who have shown good cause to physically enter our courthouses can expect numerous changes to our facilities, such as tape and social distancing signage on the floors and seating areas, signs and security limiting capacity, sanitization wipes and hand sanitizers readily available, Plexiglas shields in the courtrooms, and proper face coverings worn by everyone. All of these changes have been made in the interest of health, safety, and security for all who enter our courthouses," said Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan.



Family Justice Center Courthouse



Metal Detector / Entryway



Elevator / Self Help Center Line



Elevator Signage / Max 3 people per elevator

Hall Of Justice



Clerk's Office Entry



Hall Of Justice Clerk's Office