



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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Effective April 14, 2020

Public Notice

**Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Restraining Orders
During Temporary Court Closures**

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to pose an unprecedented health and safety threat to the public. Due to the increasing risks presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, all court operations shall be closed to the public as provided for in the General Order of the Presiding Judge, dated March 30, 2020. (<https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/extension-court-closure-order-april-1-to-april-16-2020.pdf>) Pursuant to that Order, all courtrooms of the Sacramento Superior Court will be subject to the Emergency Relief Plan for judicial business commencing April 1, 2020 and continuing through April 16, 2020 except for certain time-sensitive, critical matters.

Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Restraining Orders have been deemed critical matters. The process for filing restraining orders during the temporary court closure is outlined on the [Implementation of Court Closure Mitigation Plan for April 1, 2020 through April 16, 2020](#).

Duration of Temporary Orders Set to Expire March 20, 2020 through April 16, 2020

Any temporary restraining order issued or set to expire during the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, must be continued for a period of time that the court determines is sufficient to allow for a hearing on the long-term order to occur, for up to 90 days per [California Rules of Court, Emergency Rule 8](#). All Sacramento Superior Court Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Temporary Restraining Orders set to expire March 20, 2020 through April 16, 2020 are extended to the continued hearing dates outlined below at the same time as the original hearing scheduled. For example, if your hearing was scheduled on March 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. it will be continued to April 27, 2020 at the same time. Orders extending temporary orders and continuing hearings will be posted on the [Court's Public Case Access System](#).

Temporary orders set to expire and set for Hearing on.....	Are extended to and set for hearing on.....
March 20	April 27
March 23	April 28
March 24	April 29

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Temporary orders set to expire and set for Hearing on.....	Are extended to and set for hearing on.....
March 25	April 30
March 26	May 1
March 27	May 4
March 30	May 5
April 1	May 6
April 2	May 7
April 3	May 8
April 6	May 11
April 7	May 12
April 8	May 13
April 9	May 14
April 10	May 15
April 13	May 18
April 14	May 19
April 15	May 20
April 16	May 21

Hearings Scheduled after April 16, 2020

Hearings scheduled after April 16, 2020, will be held by telephone conference only.

If your original hearing was scheduled in department 125, call:

(916) 874-8000 with Conference ID # 3584705

If your original hearing was scheduled in department 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126 or 127 call:

(916) 875-8000 with Conference ID #5776922

Parties, attorneys and support people must call 5 minutes before the scheduled hearing date and time; follow the voice prompts, and put their phone on MUTE until a court representative takes roll and assigns your calendar number. Once roll is taken, the court will call each case individually by calendar number. Only the parties and attorneys on the respective call should UN-MUTE their phone. All other attendees should remain in MUTE mode.

Parties are advised and should understand that the court, in its discretion, may decide to terminate the telephone appearance if it determines during the hearing that a personal appearance would materially assist in the determination of the proceedings, or because either party is not available, or based on delay due to disruption, noise, misconduct, a communication problem, a technical problem, or other issue. The court may decide at any time to require a personal appearance and continue the hearing. The parties may be asked to provide information to verify their identity during the hearing. The parties should understand that if they need to present documents, testimony or other evidence that is not available at the time of the hearing, it is their responsibility to request a continuance. The court may decide to grant or deny the request.

After hearings are held, Restraining Orders After Hearing will be posted on the [Court's Public Case Access System](#) and may be picked up at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Due to the uncertainty of continued efforts to stem the COVID-19 epidemic, court hearings may be subject to change, and may change from telephonic to in-person appearances. Please continue to frequently check the Family and Children section of the Sacramento Superior Court Webpage at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/family/family-law.aspx> for any new information and advisements.

Filing of Documents Before Hearings

Any party wishing to file documents with the court for upcoming hearings or to obtain access to their case through the [Public Case Access System](#) may submit them up to the day before the hearing in the drop box at the the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Extension of Restraining Orders After Hearing

Any restraining order after hearing that is set to expire during the state of emergency is automatically extended for 90 days from the date of expiration allowing more time to seek a renewal of the restraining order.