



Superior Court of California
County of Sacramento

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PRESIDING JUDGE
DEPARTMENT 47

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Dear Members of the Sacramento Legal Community:

On behalf of the Sacramento Superior Court, I provide this additional message regarding the status of court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, on April 7, 2020, the Sacramento County Health Officer issued a new public health order extending the stay-at-home order to May 1, 2020, subject to potential further extension. The Governor's statewide stay-at-home order continues until further notice. In light of these facts, on April 16, 2020, I issued an Order re: Extension of Court Closure from April 17, 2020 to May 15, 2020 and Implementation of Renewed Emergency Relief (April 16th Order). This order extends the temporary court closure and continues to limit court operations to the essential functions listed in my prior orders from March 19, 2020 to present, which are posted on the court's website.

As set forth in April 16th Order the "holiday" period for general civil filings (i.e., filings not in relation to the enumerated essential functions) is extended to May 15, 2020, inclusive. Therefore, general civil filings are not due during this continued "holiday" period pursuant to Civil Procedure Code sections 12 and 12(a). Given that the public health order substantially limits the level of court personnel that may work in court buildings, including for document processing purposes, we continue to request that no general civil filings be submitted to the court while we remain in this "holiday" period. We will provide further notice regarding any amendments/extensions to the "holiday" period for filings as well as any changes to our civil operations.

We will be working with members of the civil bar to prepare answers to "frequently asked questions" during this time period. Once we have done so, we will make those questions and answers available on the court's website for your information.

Please continue to check the court's website for updates and orders and I will continue to provide updates through these messages as well. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Russell L. Hom

Presiding Judge