



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**Public Notice**

**Access to Court Operations**

September 9, 2020

The Court's current services are detailed and outlined on the COVID-19 webpage by division at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/coronavirus.aspx>.

***Filing counters and clerk's offices remain closed.*** There are limited "in-person" hearings being held at this time. Only those persons with court hearings in specified criminal actions or any matter authorized under the resumption of expanded services orders shall enter a Sacramento Superior Court facility on the day of the hearing.

For additional details, please refer to the Order – Access to Court Proceedings by the General Public-Restricted:  
<https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/order-amended-public-restricted-access.pdf>.

Minimal orders remain in effect that prescribe the filing types that still remain under the filing holiday period. The recent order is located here:  
<https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/order-implementation-of-emergency-relief-071520.pdf>.

**Below is a list of the services provided in each court division:**

**Civil Division:**

- All civil filings are accepted by US mail or drop box.
- Civil matters including civil harassment restraining orders, gun violence restraining orders, petitions for compromise of claims of minors with accompanying applications for appointment of guardian ad litem, complex civil case management, writ of mandate, civil law and motion, Presiding Judge Law and Motion, Trial Setting Process (TSP), Orders of Examination (OX) and voluntary settlement conferences have commenced with the use of remote hearings.

- The Civil Filing Guidelines for Civil Services located at Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse and Hall of Justice can be found at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil/civil.aspx>.
- All hearings will be conducted remotely via the interactive video conferencing application Zoom or by Court Call.
- The civil calendars are posted weekly and indicate what matters are held remotely or in person and can be found at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/hearing-livestreams.aspx>.

#### **Criminal Division:**

- All criminal filings are accepted by US Mail and drop box services.
- Criminal hearings including arraignments, time-sensitive preliminary hearings/jury trials, felony law and motion, misdemeanor law and motion, collaborative courts, petitions for post-conviction relief, criminal appeals and warrants are presently being conducted (most of which are done remotely).
- The criminal calendars are posted weekly and indicate what matters are held remotely or in person and can be found at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/hearing-livestreams.aspx>.

#### **Families and Children:**

- All family law filings are accepted by US Mail or drop box.
- Family law hearings including domestic violence and elder abuse restraining orders, ex parte emergency orders for relief, law and motion, termination of parental rights, contempt, settlement conferences, and mediation appointments are being held remotely. Family law trials have commenced in person.
- Additionally, the Family Law Self Help Center has re-opened. It is providing e-Correspondence, file review and workshops remotely.
- The family law calendars are posted and indicate how to attend them remotely at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/family/calendar-information.aspx>.
- For additional details, please review the following public notices: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/public-notice-trials-settlement-conferences-family-law.pdf>; and <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/extended-court-closure-mitigation-plan-resumption-of-fl-services.pdf>.

#### **Juvenile Division:**

- All juvenile filings are accepted by US Mail or drop box.

- All Juvenile hearings and trials in both child welfare (dependency) and juvenile justice (delinquency) are presently being conducted (most of which are being done remotely).
- Publicly accessible matters in juvenile justice cases are posted on the daily calendar and can be found at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/hearing-livestreams.aspx>.
- For additional details, please visit the following public notices: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/public-notice-juvenile-justice%20.pdf>; and <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/public-notice-juvenile-dependency-20200714.pdf>.

**Landlord/Tenant (Unlawful Detainers):**

- Unlawful Detainer filings are accepted by drop box only at the Carol Miller Justice Center.
- No hearings are being conducted at the present time with the exception of outstanding writs of possession and any other matters concerning public health and safety.
- For legal assistance, please call the Advisory Clinic at 916-875-7846 or email [SCUDAvisitors@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:SCUDAvisitors@saccourt.ca.gov).
- For additional details, please review the public notice at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/public-notice-landlord-and-tenant-ud-division-040120.pdf>.

**Probate:**

- All probate filings are accepted by US Mail or drop box.
- Probate hearings including ex parte requests for emergency relief, trust and estate, conservatorship, guardianship, Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) matters, trials and settlement conferences have commenced remotely.
- Services through the Family Law Self Help Center has re-opened using e-Correspondence.
- The probate calendars are posted and indicate how to attend them remotely at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/probate/calendar-search.aspx>.
- For further details, please refer to the public notices: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/public-notice-resumption-of-trials-settlement-conferences-probate.pdf> and <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/extended-court-closure-mitigation-plan-resumption-of-probate-services-050420.pdf>.

**Small Claims:**

- Small Claims filings are accepted by drop box only located at the Carol Miller Justice Center.
- Small Claims trials(conducted remotely).
- For general information, please email the Small Claims Division at [scefile@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:scefile@saccourt.ca.gov).
- For legal assistance, please email the Advisory Clinic at [SCUADvisory@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:SCUADvisory@saccourt.ca.gov) or call 916-875-7846.

**Traffic:**

- Traffic filings are currently being processed and arraignments and trials are being held daily.
- On-line services to resolve a traffic matter without appearing in court includes paying your fine in full, request traffic violator school, set up monthly payments, submit proof of corrections. Traffic appearances via videoconference are being conducted for arraignments and trials by written declaration and court trials by mail.
- For further details, please review the public notice for traffic matters at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/public-notice-traffic-arraignments.pdf>.
- The traffic calendars are posted and indicate how to attend them remotely at the following link: <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/traffic/calendar-search.aspx>.
- To request an arraignment via video conference or for further assistance, please submit a written request to the Traffic Division at [trafficcustomerservice@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:trafficcustomerservice@saccourt.ca.gov) .