



Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
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COVID-19 COURT CLOSURE UPDATE

The Ventura Superior Court continues with limited operations that started Thursday, March 19th and goes through Friday, April 17th.

During this period, the majority of courtrooms and all clerk's offices at all court locations remain closed to the public. A small number of courtrooms continue operating to hear urgent criminal, juvenile, temporary restraining order issues and emergency ex parte Family Law, Civil and Probate matters only. The court will announce whether limited operations will continue beyond then based on guidance provided by public health agencies.

Jury Services remains closed through April 17, 2020. If you were scheduled for jury duty during this time, your service has been ended, you are not expected to appear, and have been given credit for one year. If you are summoned for a date, beginning on April 20, 2020, please check online or call (805) 289-8661 for further Jury Services updates.

All trials and non-emergency hearings have been suspended for 90 days since March 20, 2020. They will be continued to a new date and notices will be mailed out. Traffic citations are still due and may be paid online. Criminal matters are limited to time sensitive matters. The Courts Self-Help Centers also are closed. Law firms and attorneys should go to the Court's website at www.ventura.courts.ca.gov to review the emergency orders for details.

These measures are being taken to reduce the number of court staff, jurors, parties and attorneys in order to protect public health and safety. These actions are in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's Order to Stay Home issued March 19th and the Ventura County Public Health Department's Stay Well at Home Order issued March 20th in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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