



# News Release

## Superior Court of California, County of Kern

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### **PRESIDING JUDGE JUDITH K. DULCICH ANNOUNCES CONTINUED CHANGES TO COURT OPERATIONS**

In response to concerns regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19 threat, and taking into consideration local, state, and federal emergency declarations based upon the imminent threat of spread of the virus, the Kern County Superior Court will limit public interaction.

Beginning March 19, through April 10, only the following case types will be heard:

1. Felony and misdemeanor criminal arraignments
2. Felony pre-preliminary and preliminary hearings
3. Felony sentencings
4. Juvenile initial hearings and jurisdictional hearings for dependency and juvenile justice
5. Family domestic violence temporary restraining orders
6. Family law ex parte hearings
7. Probate applications for temporary guardianship
8. Probate applications for temporary conservatorship
9. Civil harassment
10. Civil ex parte requests
11. Any other case a judge finds good cause to hear during this time

All other hearings will be rescheduled. The court will send notice to attorneys or parties who represent themselves.

If you have any questions about how to contact the court, please visit our website and click on the link included in the COVID-19 update.

Beginning March 18, all Clerk's windows will be closed to the public, until further notice. The "E-file" system and drop boxes will be available for any filings. The Family Law Facilitator, Family Court Services (mediation), Self-Help Center and Law Library will also be closed.

If you are an attorney wishing to appear telephonically, please use the existing late line and state your intention to so appear under the "reason" box.

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