

Temporary Measures during COVID-19 Reduction in Services

Attorneys in all case types may appear telephonically by using the existing late line. Please state your intention to so appear under the “reason” box and include a phone number you can be reached at when your case is called.

Attorneys may dress in “business casual” when appearing in the Kern County Superior Courts, allowing those who wish to immediately change and launder clothing from the day once returning home to do so without inordinate dry cleaning costs.

Penal Code section 977 documents may be electronically filed via email (see below email addresses).

Attorneys may email Probation at PSIRequest@KernProbation.org to request a copy of the Probation report for felony sentencings be emailed to them. The request must include Defendant’s name, Defendant’s case number and Sentencing Date.

Motions on criminal cases may be filed with the court via email and the District Attorney and Public Defender have agreed to accept service via email at the following email addresses:

Motions on **Felony** Criminal cases in **Metro Division** may be filed via email to:

WMCriminal1@Kern.Courts.CA.Gov

Motions for **Misdemeanor** Criminal Cases in **Metro Division** may be filed via email to:

WMCriminal@Kern.Courts.CA.Gov

Motions for criminal cases in **Shafter** may be filed via email to:

WMShafter@Kern.Courts.CA.Gov

Motions for criminal cases in **Delano** may be filed via email to:

WMDelano@Kern.Courts.CA.Gov

Motions for criminal cases in **Mojave** may be filed via email to:

WMMojave@Kern.Courts.CA.Gov

Motions for **Juvenile Delinquency** may be filed via email to:

WMJJC@Kern.Courts.CA.Gov

The District Attorney’s Office has indicated they will accept service of motions to:

CZimmer@KernDA.org **AND** KRussell@KernDA.org

The Public Defender’s Office has indicated they will accept service of motions to:

SinghP@KernCounty.com

For Metro Criminal Calendar motions (felony), if the motions date is before April 10 but motions have not yet been filed, the motion can be filed but set out approximately four weeks from the current motions date. It will not require a motion requesting a new motions date. If the trial and readiness date get continued by the court and the motion date is vacated, a motion may be filed before the readiness date without the need for a motion to reset motions date.

The Metro Felony Arraignment (“FA”) calendar has been moved to 1:30 p.m. each day and the Court is now making use of video arraignments.

Infraction citations have been continued for 90 days. No additional penalties will be added during this time for failure to appear or pay.

Regional/Multi-Divisional Branch Courts:

- Ridgecrest Court is closed. All matters that are not rescheduled for a later date will be heard in Mojave except for criminal in custody matters which will be moved to Metro Division.
- Lamont Court is closed. All matters that are not rescheduled for a later date will be heard in Metro Division.
- Mojave in custody cases will be moved to Metro Division.
- Delano in custody (local custody) cases will be moved to Metro Division. Prison Court remains open to hear the designated matters from the order, but if a co-defendant is in local custody, the case will be moved to Metro Division.
- Shafter has no changes except for cases that are rescheduled pursuant to the Order.