

Please see the following message from Presiding Judge Bradford DeMeo:

Dear members of the Bar:

After consultation with the supervising judges of the Sonoma County Superior Court and our CEO Arlene Junior we are closing our courthouse to the public except for critical functions effective immediately through April 3, 2020. Our court CEO, Arlene Junior, and I are working on a comprehensive public statement which will be disseminated broadly on our website and through social media. The only departments open this week for critical calendars will be Departments 1, 2 and 9 at the Hall of Justice (HOJ) and one juvenile courtroom at the Juvenile Justice Center. The Civil and Family Courthouse and Empire Annex will be closed to the public. We will be operating the three courtrooms at the HOJ for in-custody matters and matters where time is not waived, both felonies and misdemeanors. We will post signs throughout the courthouses indicating that we are closed to the public. The signs will indicate that out of custody time-waived misdemeanor matters will be continued for 30 days with the new date posted. We will also mail notice of the new date. If you do not have an in-custody matter, or a time-not waived matter, you are not required to come to court and we would encourage you to stay home and remain well. On the civil side we will also have critical calendar function such as family law domestic violence ex parte review, civil harassment ex parte review, foreclosure injunction review, and unlawful detainer ex parte review. All other civil and family law matters will be continued for 60 days.

We at the court appreciate your understanding and patience as we survive this national emergency and worldwide pandemic. Feel free to disseminate this message to other members of the bar at your discretion so the word gets out. Be well and take care of yourself.

Bradford DeMeo Presiding Judge, Sonoma County Superior Court

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