



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
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**LIMITED COURT CLOSURE
BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020**

COVID-19 cases have spiked, resulting in a new stay-at-home order for the county effective this weekend. To limit the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the Court will enact a **LIMITED COURT CLOSURE** effective Monday, December 7, 2020, and until further notice.

- **THE COURT WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.** Exceptions are criminal preliminary hearing witnesses, attorneys, and defendants in matters with time not waived. Masks are required for entry.
- **JURY TRIALS ARE SUSPENDED.** Criminal preliminary hearings with time not waived will proceed.
- **JURY SERVICE.** Jurors summonsed to report on or before January 11, 2021: Your service has been completed. You do not need to call or report for jury duty.
- **THE COURT WILL NOTIFY YOU OF RESET HEARINGS.** If your matter is to be reset, the Court will notify you of the new date, with hearings to be by Zoom or CourtCall. Instructions and links for Zoom/CourtCall, public access to audio streaming where available, and court calendars may be found on our [Court Calendar](#) webpage.
- **ALL CLERK'S OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. FILINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR DROP BOX ONLY. The limited closure is NOT a Court holiday for filing deadlines.** Drop boxes will be available from 8 A.M. – 4 P.M at the following locations:

- **Civil:** Main Street entrance of the Wakefield Taylor Courthouse in Martinez.
- **Criminal:** Main Street entrance of the Wakefield Taylor Courthouse in Martinez.
- **Family:** Main entrance of Family Law building in Martinez.
- **Juvenile:** Main entrance of the Walnut Creek Courthouse.
- **Probate:** Main Street entrance of the Wakefield Taylor Courthouse in Martinez.
- **Pittsburg and Richmond courthouses:** These drop boxes are available **only** for filings in case types heard at those locations.
- **ALL COURT RECORDS OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.** See the [Criminal Records](#) and [Civil Records](#) webpages for the process for records requests by mail.

This public health situation is urgent and constantly changing. Accordingly, the Court anticipates further press releases providing more details on Court operations over the next 30-60 days. Please visit the [Court website](#) for updated information.

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