



# NEWS RELEASE

## **RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE MOST COURTHOUSES AND REDUCE COURT HOURS EFFECTIVE MARCH 20, 2020**

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### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

To further reduce exposure to COVID-19, address immediate and growing concerns for public health and safety, and comply with federal, state and local recommendations on social distancing, the Riverside Superior Court announces temporary court closures throughout the county effective March 20 through April 3. During this time frame, only limited emergency matters will be handled. In addition, those courts that remain open will have reduced public service hours from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Eight courthouses will close completely. Six courthouses will remain open as listed below:

<b>Courthouse</b>	<b>Starts 03/20/20 - 04/03/20</b>	<b>Limited Public Hours (*except for the 3/31/2020 court holiday)</b>
Banning Justice Center	Closed	Closed
Corona Court	Closed	Closed
Hemet Court	Closed	Closed
Historic Courthouse	Closed	Closed
Moreno Valley Court	Closed	Closed
Palm Springs Court	Closed	Closed
Riverside Family Law	Closed	Closed
Temecula Court	Closed	Closed
Blythe Court	Limited emergency matters only Criminal, Civil/Family Law courtroom	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Hall of Justice	Limited emergency matters only Criminal Courtroom Family Law Courtroom Civil/Probate/LPS Courtroom	Monday – Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Larson Justice Center	Limited emergency matters only Criminal Courtroom Family Law Courtroom Civil/Probate/LPS Courtroom Dependency & Delinquency Courtroom	Monday – Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Riverside Juvenile	Limited Emergency matters only Dependency & Delinquency Courtroom	Monday – Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Southwest Justice Center	Limited Emergency matters only Criminal Courtroom	Monday – Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

	Family Law Courtroom Civil/Probate/LPS Courtroom	
Southwest Juvenile	Limited Emergency matters only Dependency & Delinquency Courtroom	Monday – Friday* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Records Center	Closed	Closed
Riverside Centre (ECD)	Closed	Closed
Self Help Center	Closed	Closed

Limited emergency matters will be handled as follows:

<b>Case Type</b>	<b>Limited Emergency Matters</b>
<b>Criminal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will continue to hear in-custody arraignments for both misdemeanor and felony cases and accept ex parte gun violence restraining orders.</li> <li>• All criminal jury trials are continued for 14 days. Criminal jury trials that are in-progress will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Daytime EPO calls and Search Warrants will be accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>Civil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will continue to accept ex parte civil harassments, other types of temporary civil restraining orders, and ex-parte applications.</li> <li>• Unlimited and limited civil trials are suspended until May 25, 2020. Civil trials that are in-progress will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• All other civil matters will be continued.</li> <li>• ADR and Mediation Services will be suspended.</li> </ul>
<b>Probate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will continue to hear temporary guardianship and temporary conservatorship cases, LPS conservatorships, accept ex parte elder abuse restraining orders and ex-parte applications.</li> <li>• All other probate matters will be continued</li> <li>• Probate investigator in-person interviews are postponed until further notice.</li> </ul>
<b>Family Law</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will continue to accept ex parte domestic violence restraining order requests and ex-parte applications.</li> <li>• Daytime EPO calls will still be accepted.</li> <li>• All other family law matters will be continued.</li> <li>• CCRC Appointments (mediation) will be continued.</li> </ul>
<b>Juvenile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Delinquency: The Court will continue to hear detention hearings, jurisdiction/disposition matters when the minor is detained, detention hearings on 777 petitions when the minor is detained and 15-day review hearings and ex-parte applications</li> <li>• For Dependency: The Court will continue to hear detention hearings, requests to re-enter foster care restraining order applications and ex-parte applications.</li> <li>• All other juvenile matters will be continued.</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will postpone all traffic matters for 90 days. Traffic court trials will be postponed for 14 days.</li> <li>• Night court traffic matters will be suspended for 90 days and matters already scheduled will be continued.</li> </ul>
<b>Small Claims</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will postpone all small claims matters for 90 days.</li> <li>• Night court small claims matters will be suspended for 90 days and matters already scheduled will be continued.</li> </ul>

<b>Unlawful Detainers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will postpone all unlawful detainer matters for 60 days, with the exception of ex parte applications.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court will continue to hear Riese matters.</li> <li>• Self Help Services will be limited to restraining order assistance over the phone and by email.</li> </ul>

These actions are not in response to a specific notice of exposure at any court facility; rather, they are being taken to exercise the precautions necessary to maintain public health and safety.

If you have a court date during this time, you will receive notice of your continuance/case status. It is strongly suggested that you also check the status of your case by accessing our website at:

<https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/OnlineServices/SearchCourtRecords/public-access.php>

For options on how to conduct court business remotely, please visit the home page of our website at [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov) (*Court's Response to Coronavirus*).

If you have been summoned for jury service please do not report during this period of time, you should request a postponement of your service by utilizing one of the following options:

- Log on to the [Juror Web Portal](#)
- Use the automated phone system at: [951.275.5076](tel:951.275.5076) or [760.342.6264](tel:760.342.6264); or
- Send an email to:
  - [JuryRiv@riverside.courts.ca.gov](mailto:JuryRiv@riverside.courts.ca.gov) – Riverside or Banning Courts
  - [JurySW@riverside.courts.ca.gov](mailto:JurySW@riverside.courts.ca.gov) –Murrieta Court
  - [JuryInd@riverside.courts.ca.gov](mailto:JuryInd@riverside.courts.ca.gov) –Indio Court

We appreciate the support and understanding of the public and our justice partners during these challenging times.

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