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TEHAMA SUPERIOR COURT NOTICE ON COURT OPERATIONS – COVID19

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The Superior Court of California, County of Tehama recently implemented emergency orders as signed by Chief Justice, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye which provided for a Court closure from Thursday, March 19, 2020 through Friday, May 29, 2020. **Due to the ongoing state of emergency, the Court will continue to limit the number of in-person hearings and utilize telephonic and video options to reduce foot traffic within the courthouse through Thursday, July 2, 2020.** Persons having court dates previously scheduled between Monday, June 1, 2020 and Thursday, July 2, 2020 should check the Court's website for their rescheduled dates at <http://www.tehamacourt.ca.gov> or consult with their attorney.

As the Court continues to balance the need to provide essential services to the public and community with the ongoing health concerns related to COVID-19, the following adjustments to our normal calendars and operations will be effective Monday, June 1, 2020 through Thursday, July 2, 2020.

Court calendars will be limited to:

- Hearings for in-custody arraignments, juvenile detentions, restraining and emergency orders will be held Monday through Thursday at 1:15 p.m. and Friday at 11:00 a.m.
- Felony preliminary hearings will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Felony settlement conferences/trial confirmations will be held on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

- Certain juvenile dependency matters will be held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Civil law and motion calendar will be held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. by video and telephone.
- DCSS calendar will be held Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. by telephone only.

As previously stated, the number of hearings on each calendar are reduced to the extent possible and to reduce the number of people within the courthouse. When possible, telephonic and video options will be utilized and many hearings are being continued to July, August, and September.

To further reduce the number of individuals in the courthouse, entrance should be limited to those individuals conducting legitimate business. Parties, their attorneys, witnesses, and those required to participate may enter the courthouse on the day of their scheduled hearings. All visitors and observers are encouraged to remain outside of the courthouse.

While at the courthouse, individuals should practice appropriate hygiene and suggested six-foot social distancing measures. Face masks are strongly encouraged.

Filings and other operations:

A drop box for all filing types is available outside of the main entrance of the courthouse located at 1740 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA. The drop box will be checked multiple times each business day by the Clerk's Office and requests for emergency orders will continue to be processed in a timely manner. Filings can also be submitted by mail. If your filing necessitates a response from the Court you should include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Beginning June 15, 2020, public service counters at the Court Clerk's Office will be open and available Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

For general questions, you may currently contact the Court Clerk's Office by telephone between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. by calling (530) 527-3484. Beginning June 15, 2020, telephone hours will be expanded and available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Court users should continue to utilize various options available to minimize the necessity of coming to the courthouse. Those are:

- Telephone payments can be made by calling (530) 737-5100.
- Self-Help Center will be closed but remote assistance by email is available at asksharp@buttecourt.ca.gov. or by visiting <https://www.sharpcourts.org>.
- Online payment options are available at <https://www.tehama.courts.ca.gov/onlineservices/index.htm>.
- Telephonic and video appearances are available in certain case and hearing types.

More information can be found on our website at <https://www.tehamacourts.ca.gov/divisions/civil-familylaw.htm> .

- Appointments with the Mediator and Family Law Facilitator will be held by phone and video to the extent possible.

Access to justice is an important right of each citizen. The decision to limit functions within the court was made based on information provided by federal and state health officials and in an attempt to protect the public and staff from exposure to COVID-19.

Further adjustments may be made to the Court's calendar, depending on the ever changing circumstances of the public health threat of COVID-19. The Court will monitor the situation and continue to consult with the Judicial Council and local public health officials. Please continue to check the Court's website at www.tehamacourt.ca.gov for any and all updates.