

Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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REBECCA J. FLEMING, Chief Executive Officer

NOTICE

INFORMATION REGARDING FAMILY DIVISION OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (DECEMBER 1, 2020)

On March 16, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer (SCC PHO) issued an order directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Since that time, the SCC PHO has issued a number of different orders addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On November 28, 2020, the SCC PHO issued an updated order requiring new social distancing protocols as well as capacity reduction orders.

On December 1, 2020, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court issued an order restricting certain individuals from entering the Family Justice Center Courthouse. Please see the Order attached.

In order to effectuate the SCC PHO's Order as well as the Presiding Judge's Order while also continuing to provide essential services, the Family Division must operate in the following manner until further notice:

1. In Departments 66, 71, 72, 75 and 76, all attorneys are required to appear for all hearings using Microsoft Teams. All self-represented litigants who are able to do so are required to appear for all hearings using Microsoft Teams. The remote hearing links can be accessed at www.scscourt.org by clicking "Family Video Hearings Pilot." Instructions for logging into the hearings are attached.
2. In Departments 64, 65, 73, 74, 77, 78 and 79, all attorneys are required to arrange for telephonic appearances using CourtCall for all status conferences. All self-represented litigants who are able to do so are required to arrange for

telephonic appearances through CourtCall for all status conferences. Attorneys and self-represented litigants are strongly encouraged to arrange for telephonic appearances through CourtCall for all other matters.

3. Requests for an exemption from the requirement to appear using Microsoft Teams or CourtCall as mandated above must be made directly to the Department assigned for the hearing.

These mandates are in effect until further notice.