

**INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY DELINQUENCY COURT OPERATIONS
EFFECTIVE FROM 3/24/2020 TO 4/15/2020 (2nd Revision - 3/24/20)**

Dear Juvenile Justice Court Partners:

The San Francisco Superior Court has been closely monitoring the public health emergency response to COVID-19 in conjunction with the city's leadership, including the Mayor's Office, Department of Public Health, and CCSF Emergency Services, and the state judicial leadership. The Court continues to be committed to balance access to justice with public health concerns.

Chief Justice and Chair of the Judicial Council Tani Cantil-Sakauye issued General Order Re: Implementation of Emergency Relief Authorized Pursuant to Government Code § 68115 which includes:

The San Francisco Superior Court is authorized to extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare & Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile delinquency petition must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive.

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through April 15, 2020:

All Department 2 and 4 matters will be heard in Department 3 during this time period.

During this time period, there will be no pre-court meetings for Reentry, Wellness, and Youth and Family Courts.

The Court will continue or reset all delinquency out-of-custody J-1 hearings, appearance progress reports, out-of-custody matters, sealing calendar, AB 12 review hearings, 827 petitions; and all out-of-custody Reentry Court, Youth and Family Court, and Wellness Court cases. In addition, all J-2 trials will be continued pursuant to the General Order. The Court will set the future dates when these matters are heard at their scheduled times. Counsel do not need to appear in person for these hearings. Counsel should communicate with opposing counsel and the Court to coordinate next dates, or appear by telephone.

All other requests for continuances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Court waives the two-day and written motion requirements for motions to continue.

The appearance of the youth may be waived for all continuance requests and the youth will be ordered present through counsel.

For all hearings that are not continued or reset, the courtroom will be closed to everyone except court personnel, probation staff, counsel, the youth and the parents/guardians. **Parties are encouraged to appear by telephone.** Prior notice and approval are not required. If appearing by phone, contact the clerk in Department 3 not later than 8:45 a.m. on the day of the court hearing at (415) 682-5203 and/or by email, and provide your name, your phone number, and the case name. If emailing, email to all of the following: lkong@sftc.org, lmancilla@sftc.org, yking@sftc.org, and fyokota@sftc.org. If you appear in person, please be mindful to follow public health instructions for “social distancing” in the courtroom and public areas, including sitting at least 2 seats apart in the courtroom.

Please be mindful that the court is operating with limited staff resources. Also, please maintain social distance in the courtroom at all times, including when you need to approach the clerk or bailiff.

AS A REMINDER, THOSE WHO ARE ILL SHOULD STAY HOME; The Court may ask members of the public who are exhibiting visible symptoms of illness such as coughing to leave.

Add to Calendars:

Counsel and the Probation Officer must meet and confer and reach an agreement on a date. Parties will submit their requested date to the court by emailing Yvette King (yking@sftc.org) to secure a date.

The Court shortens time for any Motion for Release but a written motion is required. The District Attorney and/or Probation may request a continuance if needed, including when a supervision and services plan is not provided.

Emergency Court Filings/Reports:

All filings will be submitted by the drop box located outside the clerk’s office on the first floor of JJC. Pick-Up hours for attorneys and probation are daily from:

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 am.

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For questions and concerns, please contact Court Supervisor Yvette King at (415) 682-5101.
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