

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

**In Re:**

**Order of the Presiding Judge**

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In consideration of the public health crisis currently affecting our state, local, national, and international communities, the Mendocino County Superior Court will be limiting access to the courthouses in Ukiah and Fort Bragg effective immediately. Courtrooms will practice social distancing, with any persons in the gallery instructed to sit at least two seats apart. The Court currently plans to resume regular court operations on Monday, April 6, 2020.

**Criminal Matters in both the Ukiah and Ten Mile Courthouses:**

**A. Orders To Appear – and General Orders**

1. Effective immediately, any prior order to a defendant to appear in a misdemeanor case scheduled between March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020 is rescinded and counsel can and should appear for clients in these proceedings via Penal Code §977.
2. Effective immediately, the Court will accept §977 waivers executed out of court for a defendant with a pending criminal matter who is out of custody and who has an appearance between March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020 to facilitate continuances.

**B. Jury Trials**

1. All jury trials scheduled for March 23, 2020, March 25, 2020 (Ten Mile), and March 30, 2020 are vacated and any person who has received a juror summons will be re-summoned for a date in the future. This Order is based on a finding of good cause arising out of the Public Health Crisis declared by the County of Mendocino, the Governor of the State of California, and the President of the United States of America. This Order will facilitate the court's goal of eliminating public gatherings in our courthouses of large groups of people that jury trials necessarily require.

2. Any jury trial scheduled for March 23, 2020 that is a no-time waiver trial will be re-set for April 13, 2020 or a later time the parties agree upon.
3. Any jury trial scheduled for March 25, 2020 in our Ten Mile Courthouse that is a no-time waiver will be re-set for April 23, 2020 or at a later time the parties agree upon.
4. Any jury trial scheduled for March 30, 2020 that is a no-time waiver trial will be re-set for April 20, 2020 or at a later time the parties agree upon.
5. Any misdemeanor jury trial scheduled for March 23, 2020 or March 30, 2020 with a time waiver will be re-set for no sooner than May 11, 2020.
6. Any felony jury trial scheduled for March 23, 2020 or March 30, 2020 with a time waiver will be re-set for no sooner than May 18, 2020.
7. Any jury trial set in the Ten Mile Courthouse for March 25, 2020 with a time waiver will be reset for no sooner than May 20, 2020 or at a date the parties agree upon.

**C. All Other Pending Criminal Appearances and Hearings**

1. Any criminal case pending in either the Ukiah or Ten Mile courthouse with a date to appear scheduled between March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020 with an in-custody defendant will be conducted via video appearance.
2. All out of custody no-time waiver cases with an appearance between March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020 shall go forward as scheduled; however counsel are encouraged to agree to continue matters to a date beyond April 6, 2020.
3. All other criminal matters with appearances set between March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020 that are time-waived will be re-set for exactly 28 days after the scheduled appearance at the same time in the same courtroom.

**Self Help Centers**

The Self Help Offices in both courthouses shall close to in-person assistance effective March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020. Self-help staff will assist members of the public via email and telephone only.

**Civil and Probate Matters**

1. Counsel in all civil and probate matters scheduled to appear between March 17, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020 should plan on attending via Court-Call.
2. **Unlawful Detainers/Foreclosure Injunctions/Civil Harassment Hearings.** All hearings currently scheduled shall remain as set.
3. **Small Claims Trials.** All Small Claims trials set for March 19, 2020 in either Ten Mile or Ukiah courthouses shall be rescheduled for April 16, 2020. All Small Claims trials set in Ukiah for March 26, 2020 shall be re-set for April 23, 2020.

**Family Law Matters**

- A. **Department of Child Support Services.** All Child Support Hearings scheduled for March 23, 2020 are vacated and shall be heard on April 20, 2020. All Child Support Hearings scheduled for March 30, 2020 are vacated and will be heard on April 27, 2020.
- B. **Family Law and Civil Domestic Violence.** All ex parte requests and hearings on temporary restraining or temporary custody hearings shall remain as set. The Family Law Judge shall re-schedule any other pending hearing as deemed appropriate.

**Family Dependency Drug Court/Adult Drug Court/ Behavioral Health Court**

Appearances in these courts in Ukiah and Ten Mile are vacated for the weeks of March 16, 2020; March 23, 2020 and March 30, 2020 and will resume at their usual days and times the week of April 6, 2020

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 3/16/20

  
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ANN C. MOORMAN

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court