

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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### **UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE**

**SAN BERNARDINO**-The San Bernardino Superior Court (Court) is committed to the safety and security of our community and will continue to closely monitor the impacts from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in coordination with the Judicial Council of California, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, and other governmental agencies to ensure that we are following up-to-date guidance in our response.

For the next 30 days, all attorneys, litigants, members of the public, and jurors are encouraged to access the Court remotely or postpone their hearing/trial, visit or juror service if they are exhibiting any symptoms or have been in contact with a person suspected of or being tested for COVID-19 which includes the following symptoms: cough, fever and shortness of breath.

#### Litigants/members of the public with court cases:

Online services can be accessed at: <u>https://www.sb-court.org/online-</u><u>services</u> and includes payments, document preparation, scheduling, and viewing/purchasing of documents. Payments can also be made via phone at (909) 387-1470. Fax filing is available for certain locations and can be found online.

A number of self-help services can be accessed online by visiting: <u>https://www.sb-court.org/self-help</u>. Direct Access to Self Help (D.A.S.H.) allows customer to schedule appointments, register for workshops, download forms and samples, explore educational materials, receive updates on their case, have forms reviewed for completion, and live-chat with Self-help staff online at no-cost to the public: <u>DASH</u>.

Telephonic appearances for most hearings (not trials) are encouraged for all Civil cases, including Family Law, Probate, Small Claims and Landlord Tenant, and Child Support (applicable fees apply, please inquire regarding fee waivers). Please visit <u>www.CourtCall.com</u> or call (888) 882-6878 for more information on scheduling a telephonic appearance.

**Attorneys:** Criminal trials will receive priority over civil trials if there is a reduction in availability of jury panels. Civil jury trials will be suspended for the next 30 days, unless there are cases with statutory priority. There are

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Nancy CS Eberhardt Court Executive Officer no changes to court hours at this time and drop boxes continue to be available at court locations throughout the County.

**Jurors:** No changes to court operations or hours. If you feel ill or are in a higher risk health category, which includes older adults or people with serious chronic medical conditions, please email <u>jury@sb-court.org</u> or call (909) 884-1858 to postpone your jury service.

At this time, there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 in San Bernardino County. The Court will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and provide timely updates on its public website. Please see additional information below.

**Health tips:** For additional information and guidance on how to protect yourself and others please visit the <u>Centers for Disease Control and</u> <u>Prevention</u> (CDC) and see the attached poster.

## CVID CORONAVIRUS 19 DISEASE 19 STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

# Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19