

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ



INFORMATION ABOUT COVID -19

The Superior Court of Santa Cruz County is committed to protecting the health and safety of court users while trying to maintain its core mission of providing equal access to justice and due process under the law. The Court has been closely monitoring conditions in the community and following the public health guidelines from Santa Cruz County Public Health Agency, Center for Disease Control, and the Judicial Council of California. The Court has taken the following active measures to protect the public during this time including the following:

- **Face Coverings:** Staff, judges, attorneys and members of the public are required to wear face-coverings at all times in the courthouses due to the County Public Health Officer's Orders.
- **Hand Sanitizing Stations:** The court has installed hand sanitizer stations at most public entry/exit points for court users to disinfect their hands while in the courthouse.
- **Social Distancing:** Signs and floor decals are placed throughout the courthouse to guide the public to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between each other. Elevators will be limited to one person at a time. Plexiglass barriers are installed in all locations where 6 feet of distancing is not possible.
- **Occupancy Limits:** Courtrooms occupancy is limited to the number of people who can occupy the space with 6 feet of distance between them.
- **Staggered Calendars:** Calendar start-times will be staggered to control the flow of people in and out of the courthouse and through entry weapons screening.
- **Employee Health Screenings:** All employees undergo daily health screenings, including temperature checks (self-administered).
- **Daily Cleaning:** Increased frequency of cleaning and disinfecting in all court facilities. Deep cleaning daily with additional cleaning and wiping down frequently touched surfaces occurring throughout the day.
- **Air Movement:** The following adjustments are in effect to comply with CDC guidelines for increased air movement: run the system 24/7; improve the air filtration; and increase the use of outdoor air for ventilation.