

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN

GENERAL ORDER

2020-05

Order of the Presiding Judge

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**FILED**  
Clerk of the Superior Court  
County of Lassen

MAR 26 2020

By   
DEPUTY CLERK

In consideration of the public health crisis currently affecting our state, local, national, and international communities, Center Disease Control limit on public gatherings, government directives on social distancing and stay at home order, public health concerns associated with the spread of the COVID-19 virus, California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-33-20 issued on March 19, 2020 and the size of Lassen Superior Courthouse and courtrooms, the Lassen County Superior Court will be limiting access to the courthouse effective immediately.

All provisions of General Orders 2020-01; 2020-02; 2020-03; and 2020-04 remain in full force and effect unless specifically amended by this General Order.

COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM ACCESS

A. Effective March 26, 2020 to May 15, 2020

Access to the courthouse is limited to only those individuals who have business with the court and as described further herein.

Courthouse hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Access for purpose of filing documents with the clerk's office is limited to the drop box located at the courthouse. Filing remains available through the mail. In-person self-help services are limited to restraining order or other emergency orders. All other self-help services are available online via telephone. Family law facilitator appointments are limited to telephone.

Access to a courtroom is limited to actual parties to a matter or individuals with a matter on calendar that day. Such individuals include: the prosecutor, counsel, plaintiffs, defendants, victims, a member of the victim's family, a victim investigator, support person, law enforcement, a county or state employee, a member of a Native American in a dependency or guardianship

proceeding, or other person who has a legal obligation to appear in a proceeding including trial jurors, a member of the media and persons who can show good cause. The Sheriff may further limit access to the courtroom pursuant to Penal Code § 409.5.

While inside the courthouse/courtroom all parties are required to practice social distancing and stay at least six feet apart from each other.

Any person demonstrating obvious sign of illness will be requested to leave the courthouse if the safety of others is compromised.

Criminal Matters:

A. Department 5 – Department of Corrections

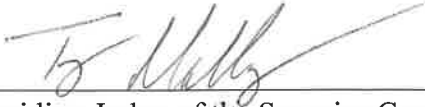
1. All matters scheduled for Department 5 are suspended for 60 days or until further notice of the court. Any matter that may have a court date during this temporary suspension shall receive a new date in a notice issued by the court. Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, the ability to provide safe distancing and future government directives, the temporary suspension of all matters in Department 5 may be extended beyond 60 days, if necessary, to protect the health and safety of parties in connection with the COVID-19 threat.
2. In a matter that is temporarily suspended in which a new date will be issued by the court, if a party objects to the continuance as compromising his/her constitutional right to have a timely hearing, that party shall promptly notice the court in writing of their objection with supporting case law and provide a requested date on which to have a hearing. If good cause is shown in the moving papers, a hearing will be timely scheduled.

B. Arraignments – In-Custody

1. Beginning March 27, 2020 through May 15, 2020, all in-custody arraignments will be held at 1:00 p.m. Defendants held in custody will not be transported to the courthouse unless required by statute. Defendants shall appear by video.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 26, 2020

  
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Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Lassen