

# DISTRICT COURT SHALL ENTER A PHASED RETURN TO FULL OPERATIONS

**\*PHASES ARE CONDITIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

Pursuant to Chief Judge Barbera's Amended Administrative Order of June 3, 2020, On the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency:

<b>Any person seeking entrance to either courthouse is:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>subject to COVID-19 screening questions</li> <li>subject to non-contact temperature checks where available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>required to wear face masks or coverings</li> <li>required to maintain social distancing</li> </ul>
<b>Any person may be denied entrance to or required to leave either courthouse as a result of:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>refusing to comply with the requirements to wear a face mask or covering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>refusing to maintain social distancing</li> <li>the screening process</li> </ul>

## Matters to be heard by the District Court are identified in each phase, below:

<b>PHASE I – Closed to the public with limited exceptions</b>	
<b>03/16/2020</b> – <b>06/05/2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>bail reviews / bench warrants</li> <li>emergency evaluation petitions</li> <li><i>District 5 included Problem-Solving Courts as well.</i></li> <li>quarantine and isolation violations</li> <li>body attachments</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE II – Closed to the public with limited exceptions*</b>	
<b>06/05/2020</b> – <b>07/19/2020</b> <i>In addition to PHASE I Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>guilty pleas, with deferral of incarceration start date considered</li> <li>hearings on petitions for mental health evaluations and competency to stand trial</li> <li>temporary and final domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective orders</li> <li>emergency wrongful detainer actions (and related warrants of restitution)</li> <li>bail reconsiderations / matters involving locally incarcerated defendants</li> <li>preliminary hearings with a proposed resolution, no testimony required</li> <li>temporary restraining orders</li> <li>emergency breach of lease involving threats or injury to people or property (and related warrants of restitution)</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE III – Appointments and Limited Scheduled Hearings*</b>	
<b>07/20/2020</b> – <b>08/30/2020</b> <i>In addition to PHASE II Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>trials for incarcerated defendants, other criminal charges alleging violent acts, alcohol-related motor vehicle matters</li> <li>preliminary hearings</li> <li>schedule dockets beginning 08/31/2020 (including previously postponed matters) for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>minor traffic matters</li> <li>civil matters (including trials)</li> </ul> </li> <li>resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions during court hours</li> <li>rent escrow actions (provided local health depts. are able to provide inspection)</li> <li>tenant holding over actions</li> <li>warrants of restitution</li> <li>violations of probation</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE IV*</b>	
<b>08/31/2020</b> – <b>10/04/2020</b> <i>In addition to PHASE III Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>schedule dockets after 10/05/2020 for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parking citations</li> <li>red light citations</li> <li>speed camera citations</li> <li>school bus citations</li> <li>toll/MTA citations</li> <li>other civil citations</li> <li>minor traffic matters (delayed in District 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>all civil matters</li> <li>failure to pay rent cases</li> <li>all criminal matters</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE V</b>	
<b>10/05/2020</b> – <i>forward</i>	All courts resume full operations with encouragement to continue remote matters.

*\*Case types listed in a later phase may be advanced at the discretion of the Administrative Judge.*

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