

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:

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

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

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

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

Please contact the clerk's office, if you have any questions:

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