

**INFORMATION ABOUT EMERGENCY DELINQUENCY OPERATIONS CHANGES
EFFECTIVE FROM 3/17/2020 TO 4/15/2020 (version 2)**

Dear Juvenile Justice Court Partners:

The San Francisco Superior Court has been closely monitoring the public health emergency response to COVID-19 in conjunction with the city's leadership, including the Mayor's Office, Department of Public Health, and CCSF Emergency Services, and the state judicial leadership. The Court continues to be committed to balance access to justice with public health concerns.

Chief Justice and Chair of the Judicial Council Tani Cantil-Sakauye issued General Order Re: Implementation of Emergency Relief Authorized Pursuant to Government Code § 68115 which includes:

The San Francisco Superior Court is authorized to extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare & Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive.

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through April 15, 2020:

The Court will continue or reset all delinquency out-of-custody J-1 hearings, appearance progress reports, out-of-custody matters, sealing calendar, AB 12 review hearings, 827 petitions; and all out-of-custody Reentry Court, Youth and Family Court, and Wellness Court cases. In addition, all J-2 trials will be continued pursuant to the General Order. The Court will set the future dates when these matters are heard at their scheduled times. Counsel do not need to appear in person for these hearings. Counsel should communicate with opposing counsel and the Court to coordinate next dates, or appear by telephone.

All other requests for continuances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Court waives the two-day and written motion requirements.

The appearance of the youth may be waived for all continuance requests and the youth will be ordered present through counsel.

For all hearings that are not continued or reset, the courtroom will be closed to everyone except court personnel, counsel, the youth and the parents/guardians. Parties are encouraged to appear by telephone. Prior notice and approval is not required. Contact the clerk in Department 3 at (415) 682-5203 and provide your case name and number, your name, and your phone number prior to the court hearing. If you appear in person, please be mindful to follow public health instructions for "social distancing," including sitting at least 2 seats apart in the courtroom.

AS A REMINDER, THOSE WHO ARE ILL SHOULD STAY HOME; The Court may ask members of the public who are exhibiting visible symptoms of illness such as coughing to leave.

All filings will take place by drop box located outside Room 101. Endorsed filed copies will also be available for pick up at the window of Room 101.

For questions and concerns, please contact Court Supervisor Yvette King at (415) 682-5101.
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