



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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PRESS RELEASE - COURT OPERATIONS

**Madera County Superior Court
Reintroduction Plan of Court Operations**

The following represents the Court's initial plan to reintroduce services after the operational reduction caused by COVID-19.

This initial plan was developed considering the health and safety of court users, jurors, justice partners and court employees. It is important to note that this plan is a work in progress and may be amended at the discretion of the Presiding Judge.

Juvenile Division

No changes - The Juvenile Division will continue to operate as normal.

Civil Division

Effective June 1, 2020, the Civil Division (including family law and family support) will return to offering full services, *except for jury trials*, Monday – Friday in Departments 37, 40, 44 & 45, and Tuesday/Thursday in Department 17.

Each department within the division will have four (4) calendars each day as follows:

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To adhere to social distancing requirements, each calendar will be limited to ten (10) individual in-court appearances. This includes appearances by attorneys and parties. For example, if a petitioner and respondent are both appearing in-person with counsel, that case would account for four (4) of the ten (10) appearances allotted for that calendar.

Appearances by available technology (Court Call/Zoom) are encouraged and will not be included in the ten (10) in-court appearance limitation.

Criminal Division

Effective June 1, 2020, the Criminal Division will return to offering full services, *except for jury trials*, Monday – Friday in Departments 22, 23 & 29. *Jury trials are scheduled to resume beginning June 16, 2020, with the following order of priority.*

1. no time waiver matters;
2. in-custody time waivers (including cases with an out-of-custody co-defendant);
3. felony out-of-custody with time waivers; and
4. misdemeanor out-of-custody with time waivers

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8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To adhere to social distancing requirements, each calendar will be limited to ten (10) individual in-court appearances. This includes appearances by attorneys and parties.

Appearances by available technology (Court Call/Zoom) are encouraged and will not be included in the ten (10) in-court appearance limitation.

Traffic Division

Effective June 1, 2020, the Traffic Division will return to offering full services. Traffic cases will be heard in Departments 17 & 21 each Monday and Wednesday.

Each department within the division will have six (6) calendars each day as follows:

8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

To adhere to social distancing requirements, each calendar will be limited to fifteen (15) in-court appearances in Department 17 and ten (10) individual in-court appearances in Department 21.

The Traffic calendar is subject to the same priority order noted above for Criminal matters.

Appearances by available technology (Court Call/Zoom) are encouraged and will not be included in the respective fifteen (15) or ten (10) in-court appearance limitation.

Appellate Division

Effective June 26, 2020, the Appellate Division will return to offering full services.

All appeal hearings will be scheduled in Department 45 at 8:15 a.m.

Special Note:

Attorneys and litigants are reminded of the responsibility to keep contact information (including addresses and telephone numbers) current with the court. Hearing status, which is subject to change, should be regularly checked at the following site:

<https://madera-prod-portal.ecourt.com/public-portal/?q=node/393>