



NEWS RELEASE

RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT RESTORES SERVICES IN JUVENILE LAW MATTERS

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

Effective Monday, May 18, 2020, the court reopened an additional courtroom in each region of the county. The Riverside Juvenile Court, Southwest Juvenile Court, and the Larson Justice Center will operate a dependency courtroom and a delinquency courtroom. The Court will resume hearing modified contested matters where only stipulated testimony, document and arguments are considered. The court will also begin to hear uncontested Welfare and Institutions Code section 366.26 hearings. All hearings will be conducted telephonically or via video.

For delinquency, the court will continue to hear detention hearings, jurisdiction/disposition matters where a minor was detained, detention hearings under Welfare and Institutions Code section 777 where a minor is detained, 15-day review hearings, psychotropic medication applications and emergency ex-parte applications.

For dependency, the court will continue to hear detention hearings, requests to re-enter foster care, restraining order applications, psychotropic medication applications and emergency ex-parte applications.

Effective June 15, 2020, the Court will rescind the declaration of court holidays in General Order No.: 2020-16 as to juvenile matters. All juvenile documents may be submitted online via the eSubmit Document Submission Portal, by mail, or by placement in a drop box. All juvenile departments will reopen and resume in-person hearings.

This notice outlines processes and timelines for the restoration of services for juvenile law case matters.

Clerk's Offices

Emergency Matters

Clerk's offices at the Larson Justice Center (Indio), Southwest Justice Center (Murrieta), and Hall of Justice (Riverside) will remain open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for processing emergency matters as follows:

- File or pick-up any type of restraining order.
- File documents related to emergency matters currently being heard:
 - Delinquency-detention hearings, jurisdiction/disposition hearings when the minor is detained, Welfare and Institutions Code section 777 detention hearings where the minor is detained, 15-day review hearings and ex-parte emergency applications.
 - Dependency-detention hearings, requests to re-enter foster care, restraining order applications and ex-parte emergency applications.

Non-Emergency Matters

Customers may continue to file non-emergency documents in one of three ways:

- Online via the eSubmit Document Submission Portal at <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/FormsFiling/ESubmit/esubmit.php>
- The eSubmit program allows court customers to electronically deliver documents to the court securely via the internet. The eSubmit fee of \$1.85 is suspended through June 30, 2020.
- Mailed or delivered to the court for processing. Addresses can be found on the court's [website](#); or
- By placement in a drop box at any of the open juvenile courts. Drop boxes are available for customers to drop off filings for submission to the clerk's office.

Courtroom Proceedings

In-Person Proceedings

Effective June 15, 2020, the court will resume in-person proceedings for all juvenile dependency and delinquency court calendars and hearings, including delinquency matters for minors who are out of custody. On June 15, 2020 childcare services will resume for dependency matters only.

Telephonic/Video Appearances

The court will continue to utilize telephonic and video technology for hearings being heard prior to June 15, 2020.

Juvenile Non-Traffic Infraction Calendars

All juvenile non-traffic infraction calendars have been postponed until at least July 1, 2020. Notice of the new or rescheduled hearing dates will be mailed to the parties.

Adoption Finalization Hearings

All juvenile adoption finalization hearings have been postponed until after June 15, 2020. The court will be working with Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to set the rescheduled hearing dates and the department will give notice.

Specialty Calendars

The court has suspended specialty juvenile calendars, such as Family Preservation Court (FPC), Juvenile Drug Court (JUST) and Project Graduate until further notice.

For more information on the Court's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the [COVID-19 Court Operations](#) website.

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