

PRESS RELEASE



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

Court Operational Plan Effective April 6th

El Centro, California – On April 6, 2020, the Imperial County Superior Court expects to have all hearings in the limited matters being heard to be done via remote technology pursuant to Imperial County Superior Court General Order 2020-3. The matters being heard are felony criminal cases, dependency and delinquency cases, restraining order cases and other public safety matters.

If anyone has a case scheduled in these limited areas, you should contact your attorney, if represented, or contact the Court at 760-482-2200, if you represent yourself, to make arrangements to appear via remote technology.

The Brawley and Winterhaven courthouses remain closed until further notice. All other cases, including traffic, misdemeanor, civil, probate, family support, and family law cases set between March 23rd and April 17th have been continued. Notices have been sent to parties and counsel containing new court dates.

The El Centro Courthouse is still restricting public access except for limited purposes pursuant to Imperial County Superior Court General Order 2020-2. The Civil Clerk's Office is open for filing of papers for limited matters and restraining orders. You must arrive with papers ready to file or be there to pick forms. The Access Center is available by telephone at 760-482-2233 to assist with the filling out of certain documents. All forms are available on the Courts web site at www.imperial.courts.ca.gov.

The Court continues to implement measures, such as remote appearances, which it has been empowered to do via Emergency Orders from the California Chief Justice, to allow it to perform its constitutional duties and hear the critical matters noted above while doing everything in its power to protect the health and safety of all who enter our courthouse.