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PRESIDING JUDGE  
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## COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE: CHANGES TO COURT OPERATIONS DUE TO MOVE TO PURPLE TIER AND GOVERNOR'S REGIONAL STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

Issued: December 7, 2020

As a result of Lake County moving into the Purple "Widespread" Tier and the imminent Regional Stay-at-Home order, the court is making the changes listed below to court operations. The court is in constant contact with Public Health Officer, Dr. Gary Pace in an effort to continue to provide necessary and essential services to court users while protecting the health of all who come before or work within the court. In response to public health orders the court has limited the number of cases on calendar, requires social distancing in court facilities, requires face coverings and will continue to handle matters via remote means whenever possible.

### **Remote Court Hearings**

Beginning Monday, December 7, 2020, the court will shift the calendars below to be conducted entirely by remote appearance until further notice. All attorneys and parties **MUST APPEAR BY PHONE/VIDEO** as directed by the court.

- In-custody Daily Criminal Arraignment Calendar
- Felony Law & Motion, Department 3, Tuesdays
- Felony Settlements, Department 4, Tuesdays
- Misdemeanor Arraignments, Department 1, Tuesdays
- Misdemeanor Disposition/Setting and Motions, Department 1, Mondays
- Misdemeanor Settlement Conferences, Department 1, Tuesdays
- Trial Assignment, Department 4, Fridays

### **In-custody Transportation**

In consultation with the Public Health Officer, the Lake County Jail, the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender Contract Administrators, the Court is limiting the transportation of in-custody defendants whenever possible.

### **Jury Trials**

No jury trials will take place before December 30, 2020. If you have received a jury summons for any date prior to December 30, 2020, you are not required to appear.

### **Civil and Family Law Court Trials and Evidentiary Hearings**

Beginning December 14, 2020, the court will shift all civil and family law contested hearings to be conducted by remote appearance until further notice. All attorneys, parties and witnesses **MUST APPEAR BY PHONE/VIDEO** as directed by the court.

### **Clearlake Calendars**

Beginning Monday, December 21, 2020, the court will shift the calendars below to be conducted entirely by remote appearance until further notice. All attorneys, parties and witnesses **MUST APPEAR BY PHONE/VIDEO** as directed by the court.

- Unlawful Detainer Hearings and Trials, Mondays at 8:30 am
- Small Claims Trials, Mondays at 9:00 am
- Unlawful Detainer and Small Claims Status Conferences, Mondays at 11:00 am
- Traffic Arraignments, Mondays at 1:30 pm
- Traffic Trials, Mondays at 3:00 pm

### **Court Clerk Public Counters**

Public counters and telephone assistance will continue to be provided between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm daily. No changes will be made at this time due to the low volume of individuals seeking in-person assistance, the relatively short interactions, and the ability to maintain social distancing. The court encourages the use of drop boxes, which remain available at both locations.

**All other calendars currently being conducted by remote means, will continue to be held in the same manner.**

As the situation is evolving, we will keep the public up to date on our website [www.lake.courts.ca.gov](http://www.lake.courts.ca.gov).