



Superior Court of the State of California County of San Benito

450 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023

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Court Expands Services While Taking Action to Curtail Effect of COVID-19

Effective July 6, 2020 the San Benito Superior Court will expand its services. Certain matters will continue to be restricted in order to curtail the effect and spread of COVID-19 (Corona Virus): These restrictions include:

- Non-Urgent Hearings On Motions
- Truancy Court
- Civil Jury and Court Trials and Probate Trials will be limited
- Unlimited Civil Motions
- Limited Civil Motions and Trials – except Unlawful Detainers related to Health & Safety
- Judicial Foreclosures
- Non-urgent Adoption Proceedings
- Non-urgent Trust & Estate Matters
- Case Management Conferences
- Mandatory Settlement Conferences
- Non-Emergency Family Hearings and Trials

Call the Clerk's office with any questions regarding which matters may be placed on the calendar at this time.

The court's expanded services commencing July 6, 2020 include a temporary modified court calendar and the reopening of clerk's office window for filing, payments and the like.

Although Court proceedings are an essential service of government, the Court must also balance the protection of public health and safety. In extending certain restrictions, it is the Court's intent to reduce the number of employees, jurors, parties and attorneys in the Courthouse consistent with recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders and the local Public Health Officer. This action is not in response to a specific notice of exposure at the Courthouse or to any Court staff. Instead it is in compliance with public health recommendations to limit the spread of the virus and the potential for future exposure.

The Court will monitor the situation closely and update these policies on an ongoing basis.