



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED
2260 N Street
Merced, CA 95340**

FROM THE CHAMBERS OF

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JUDGE

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March 17, 2020

Dear Litigants:

Attached is a copy of Standing Order #2020-04 issued today by the Presiding Judge of the Merced Superior Court, Donald J. Proietti, concerning the precautions the Merced Superior court shall follow to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We are mailing each litigant scheduled to appear between now and April 28, 2020 a copy of Standing Order #2020-04 along with the following specific instructions concerning the handling of all civil cases (both limited and unlimited) between now and April 28, 2020.

Tentative Rulings will be posted on www.mercedcourt.org/tentative_rulings for every civil calendar appearance matter at 3:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled hearing. Every litigant, including every self-represented litigant, is ordered to check the tentative ruling for their calendar matter on the day before the hearing and will be deemed to have been notified of the court's proposed ruling. Individuals who do not object to the tentative ruling, need take no further action other than that set forth in the tentative ruling.

Individuals who object to the tentative ruling or who seek to modify a proposed tentative ruling must notify the court and the other parties to the case by 4:00 p.m. on the day before the hearing and arrange to appear by CourtCall pursuant to the instructions on the tentative ruling. **Appearance by telephone is strongly encouraged.**

Until April 28, 2020, Tentative Rulings will be provided for the following civil calendars:

Monday: 8:15 Courtroom 8 Law and Motion
 8:30 Courtroom 9 Small Claims
 9:00 Courtroom 8 Mandatory Settlement Conference
 10:00 Courtroom 8 Case Management Conference
 1:15 Courtroom 8 Ex Parte Hearings
 1:15 Courtroom 9 Ex Parte Hearings
 1:30 Courtroom 8 Short Cause Contested Matters

Tuesday: 8:15 Courtroom 8 Law and Motion
9:00 Courtroom 8 Jury Trials
10:00 Courtroom 9 Small Claims
1:15 Courtroom 8 Ex Parte Hearings
1:15 Courtroom 9 Ex Parte Hearings

Wednesday: 8:15 Courtroom 8 Law and Motion
10:00 Courtroom 9 Limited Civil
1:15 Courtroom 8 Ex Parte Hearings
1:15 Courtroom 9 Ex Parte Hearings
1:30 Courtroom 9 Long Cause Contested Matters

Thursday: 8:15 Courtroom 8 Law and Motion
10:00 Courtroom 9 Limited Civil
1:15 Courtroom 8 Ex Parte Hearings
1:15 Courtroom 9 Ex Parte Hearings

Friday: 8:15 Courtroom 8 Law and Motion
8:30 Courtroom 9 Case Management Conferences
10:00 Courtroom 9 Small Claims
1:15 Courtroom 8 Ex Parte Hearings
1:15 Courtroom 9 Ex Parte Hearings

Each party scheduled to appear on any of the above calendars is ordered to check the tentative ruling at 3:00 on the day prior to such hearing for instructions as to how that matter will be handled. Any party scheduled to appear on a specially set matter is also ordered to check for a tentative ruling.



Brian L. McCabe
Judge of the Superior Court