

HON. JOHN W. VINEYARD  
Presiding Judge

HON. RAQUEL MARQUEZ  
Supervising Judge, Civil Division



**CIVIL DIVISION**

BLYTHE COURTHOUSE  
265 N. Broadway  
Blythe, CA 92225

HISTORIC COURTHOUSE  
4050 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

PALM SPRINGS COURTHOUSE  
3255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

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30755-D Auld Road  
Murrieta, CA 92563

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**NOTICE**

**RESTORATION OF SERVICES - CIVIL**

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020,**

**Essential Functions**

The court will continue to handle those filings deemed to be essential or an emergency:

- Temporary civil harassment restraining orders;
- All other types of civil restraining orders, including requests to renew;
- Ex parte applications;
- Inspection and abatement warrants;
- Stipulations, except those prohibited by General Order 2020-15.

These documents can be filed at one of the open justice centers - Blythe, Hall of Justice, Larson Justice Center, and the Southwest Justice Center.

Self-Help Legal Services are available via telephone at (951) 274-4499 or (760) 393-2163, or by email at [selfhelp@riverside.courts.ca.gov](mailto:selfhelp@riverside.courts.ca.gov) for those matters deemed essential.

**Clerk's Office**

The court will rescind the court holiday provision and resume processing all civil documents, except Small Claims and Unlawful Detainers. Documents received, and not filed, from March 17, 2020 through May 29, 2020 will be filed as of June 1, 2020.

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Customers may continue to file all non-emergency documents:

- Online via the eSubmit Document Portal at <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/FormsFiling/ESubmit/esubmit.php>;
- By depositing in the U.S. mail; or
- By depositing in a *drop box*, located at one of the open justice centers.

### **Telephonic Appearances**

The Law and Motion Reservation System re-opened on May 7, 2020. The court will resume hearing civil law and motion, trial setting conferences, status conferences on complex cases, hearings on petitions for change of name and guardian ad litem applications, when applicable.

These proceedings will be conducted telephonically, via Webex, until further notice. Prior to the hearing, notice will be mailed with information on how to make a telephonic appearance.

For additional information and instructions on [telephonic appearances](#).

All other limited and unlimited civil hearings will remain on calendar. Orders will be issued from chambers, by the judicial officer, without the need for appearances. Notice will be sent in the mail or you can [check the status of your case online](#).

### **In-Person Proceedings**

The court will resume live, in-person proceedings (hearings) on temporary civil harassment restraining orders, and all other types of civil restraining orders. These proceedings will be held at each of the court facilities open to the public – Blythe, Hall of Justice, Larson Justice Center, and the Southwest Justice Center. To enter the courtroom, you must have a case on calendar. Notice of the new hearing dates, times, and locations will be sent in the mail.

By General Order (2020-21) of the Presiding Judge, all persons entering a courthouse shall, at all times, wear a face covering and maintain six feet of physical distance from all other persons. Please note, the Sheriff's Department will turn away anyone not wearing a face covering prior to security screening.

The Riverside Superior Court is taking precautions to maintain a safe environment for those that visit the court. For more information on the court's response to the Coronavirus, visit our website and click the red COVID-19 banner.

Please visit the court's website frequently for the most current information and updates.

If you need additional assistance, please contact the Riverside Superior Court at (951) 777-3147 to speak with a clerk.

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