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## SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS

SUPERIOR COURT OF  
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**RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

On December 3, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a Regional Stay-At-Home-Order that is applicable once a designated region falls below 15% of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed capacity, which then subjects the counties within the region to the restrictive terms in the Order, for a minimum of three weeks. Riverside County is assigned to the Southern California Region. On December 6, 2020, the Southern California Region fell below the 15% ICU bed capacity threshold, triggering application of the Order to Riverside County. As a result, on December 7, 2020, the Court suspended jury trials through December 31, 2020, and later extended the suspension through January 29, 2021.

Currently, ICU bed capacity remains below 15% in Riverside County, as well as in the Southern California Region. The Court, therefore, finds it is necessary to extend its jury trial suspension order through February 26, 2021. This order is only applicable to jury trials that have not commenced. This order does not affect jury trials that are in progress, which will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The Riverside Superior Court's website includes links to court orders, division notices, press releases, and online court services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public is encouraged to visit the [website](#) to access the most current Court information.

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