



Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT ISSUES ORDER ON RESTRICTED COURTHOUSE ACCESS AND THE LIVE BROADCASTING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

The court will resume many services on June 15, 2020, however, with community spread of COVID-19 still a concern, many services will be provided remotely or by appointment only.

Per Administrative Order of Presiding Judge Kent Kellegrew, access to any and all courthouses, courtrooms, clerk's offices, self-help centers and public areas will be restricted at all times to judges, commissioners, court staff, persons seeking or participating in emergency services, persons required or permitted to appear for scheduled hearings or trials, persons with a scheduled appointment for the clerk's offices or self-help centers and other authorized persons.

Beginning June 15, 2020, access to any and all court proceedings will be limited to summoned jurors, parties, their attorneys, witnesses subpoenaed to testify, one support person statutorily permitted to accompany a person seeking a temporary restraining order and other authorized persons.

"Other authorized persons" includes, but is not limited to, news reporters and news media representatives subject to prior approval under the procedures outlined in California Rules of Court, and Ventura County Superior Court rule 26, or any other applicable rule, order or policy.

To provide public access to hearings, the court will be broadcasting, and the public may simultaneously access, live audio streams of certain court proceedings via links available on the court's website at ventura.courts.ca.gov.

The first group of courtrooms providing live audio stream will be 11, 12, 13, 14, 36 and 37. This will be followed by courtrooms 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The final group will consist of courtrooms 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48.

Each judge retains the discretion and authority to refuse, limit or terminate such broadcasts, in whole or in part, pursuant to factors and prohibitions articulated in *California Rules of court*, rule 1.150, and in consideration of other statutory and constitutional provisions.

The livestreamed court proceedings may not be photographed, recorded (audio or video), or re-broadcast by anyone without prior written judicial authorization.

The complete administrative order is posted on the home page of the court's website and can be viewed at: ventura.courts.ca.gov.

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