



Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF VENTURA
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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT BRIEFLY EXTENDS CLOSURE PRIOR TO PHASED REOPENING

The Ventura Superior Court will extend the current limited closure from January 31, 2022, through February 4, 2022, during which the Court will continue to conduct time-sensitive and emergency matters described in the court's prior press release of January 10, 2022, and in Amended Administrative Order 22.02 (available on the court's website at www.ventura.courts.ca.gov). During the month of February, the Court will implement a phased reopening of court services which is described in detail in Amended Administrative Order 22.04.

On Tuesday, February 1, 2022, the clerk's offices will resume filing documents. Initially, documents must be submitted through eDelivery, U.S. Mail, or the drop boxes located at the entrance to the Hall of Justice and the Juvenile Justice Center. The clerk's offices and lobbies will remain closed until February 14, 2022 (see below).

On Monday, February 7, 2022, the court will resume non-emergency matters, including as follows:

- The Family Law Department will conduct Requests for Orders, Child Support Hearings, Short Cause Trials (2 days or less), and other evidentiary matters.
- The Civil Department will conduct Law and Motion hearings, and Unlawful Detainer matters.
- The Probate Department and Juvenile Department will resume all non-emergency matters.

In order to continue to protect the health and safety of all court users, parties are requested to appear by Zoom or CourtCall depending on the courtroom.

On Monday, February 14, 2022, the Court will allow in-person appointments for the clerk's offices (including for the filing of documents), Records & Exhibits, Collections, Family Law mediation, and the Self-Help Centers. Appointments may be made at www.ventura.courts.ca.gov ("Schedule an Appointment" box on the website). **Walk-in services will not be available.** Also beginning the week of February 14, 2022, small claims trials will resume, with parties being asked to appear through CourtCall.

Civil Mandatory Settlement Conferences will continue to take place as set forth in Administrative Order 22.04. The Civil Case Management Conference calendar will resume on Friday February 18, 2022.

The court has yet to determine the exact date when jurors will need to report. Summoned jurors should check the court's website for updates as to when jury service will resume. www.ventura.courts.ca.gov/JuryService.

Traffic and Collections payments can be made on the Northside of the Hall of Justice at the outside walk-up windows, (Ventura courthouse, entrance next to the 126 freeway), and on the Southside of the East County Courthouse in Simi Valley.

Because courtrooms will remain closed to the public, the court will continue to broadcast live audio streams of certain court proceedings.

The children's waiting rooms at the Hall of Justice and the Juvenile Justice Center continue to be closed.

For further details visit the court's website at ventura.courts.ca.gov and click on Amended Administrative order 22.04.

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