

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Central District of California

May 10, 2021 – Notice from Hon. Philip Gutierrez

Chief USDC Central District Judge Philip Gutierrez advises that the USDC Central will commence in-person jury trials on 7 June 2021. Criminal trials will take precedent. Expect that civil jury trials will commence mid-August 2021 with a goal of 203 trials per week.

Effective April 19, 2021 Phased Reopening of the Court

The United States District Court for the Central District of California has adopted the Plan for Phased Resumption of Operations ("Reopening Plan"), which consists of three phases: Phase 1 (return of certain staff to the courthouses to prepare for limited in-court hearings); Phase 2 (reopening courthouses for limited in-court hearings); and Phase 3 (resumption of jury trials). Per the gating criteria that was adopted by the Court, local COVID-19 exposure risks in the Central District of California are decreasing, such that the transition of all divisions to Phase 3 of the Court's Reopening Plan is appropriate at this time.
