

# Superior Court of California Kern County

## **Kern County Court Update**

Effective 08/31/21

### ***Department 11 Appearances***

Effective immediately Department 11's courtroom will be closed for in-person appearances. Instead remote appearances will be required for all civil cases. This directive shall remain in effect pending further order of the court.

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Presiding Judge Colette M. Humphrey

Effective 6/25/21

See Executive Orders N-07-21 and N-08-21.

Emergency Local Rule No. 2 has now been amended to require face masks for those not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Each Judicial Officer retains the discretion to require all individuals to remain masked inside his or her courtroom.

The public will be admitted to observe all non-confidential proceedings in all Kern County Superior courtrooms. The Court and/or Judicial Officers may impose reasonable restrictions on public access to courtrooms and adjacent hallways in accordance with current and changing standards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), California Department of Public Health, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), and Governor of the State of California.

The Court recognizes that not all members of the public may yet be able or willing to physically attend proceedings in courtroom. Until further notice of this Court, all non-confidential proceedings will still be made available via audio live streaming.

Consult the Court's website for live streaming links to the various courtrooms.

#### A. Availability of Court Calendars

All of the Court's criminal calendars may be viewed at:

[https://itsapps.kerncounty.com/iframe/nonCMS/crimindex/crim\\_index\\_case\\_info\\_cal.asp](https://itsapps.kerncounty.com/iframe/nonCMS/crimindex/crim_index_case_info_cal.asp). All of the Court's civil calendars may be viewed at:

<https://odyprodportal.kern.courts.ca.gov/portalprod>

Electronic daily calendar monitors are also available in the lobbies of the Metro Division and Metro Justice Building for all their courtrooms. Each courtroom in these two buildings also have their own electronic daily calendar monitor located adjacent to the courtroom. With the exception of Metro

Traffic Division, Juvenile Justice Center and Taft Multi-Divisional Courthouse, all other courthouses also have electronic daily calendar monitors in their lobbies.

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The Court may hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from June 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, inclusive. (Gov. Code § 68115(a)(1))

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Notice 5/3/21

***TAFT COURT TO PARTIALLY REOPEN***

The Taft Courthouse will partially reopen, offering civil and traffic services the first and third Wednesdays of the month, beginning May 5. Staff will be available between 8 a.m. and noon to accept payments, civil filings and set hearings for traffic infractions.

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