## Superior Court of California COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: The Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County announces changes to Court operations to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

In response to the public safety risks associated with Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court is making significant changes to court operations that will affect those planning to visit the Court.

Effective Thursday, March 19, 2020 through April 10, 2020:

- The Paso Robles and Grover Beach courthouses will be closed to the public. Staff in these locations will continue to report to work and will be available to the public remotely to carry out Court business via telephone, email, physical drop box, or the Court's website.
- The San Luis Obispo Courthouse Annex will be open only for matters on the Court's calendar. All others will be asked to contact the Court remotely. Entrance to the San Luis Obispo location will only be available on Monterey Street. The Palm Street entrance will be closed.
- Staff at the San Luis Obispo Courthouse Annex will continue to report to work and will be available to the public remotely to carry out Court business via telephone, email, physical drop box, or the Court's website.

The Court remains open to the public during this period via remote access. For a list of remote access options, including online payments and electronic document filing, visit the Court's COVID-19 information page.

On Monday, the Court announced that all non-time sensitive Court matters would be postponed to a later date and operations would be limited to the two largest courtrooms in order to reduce large gatherings of people.

"The primary goal of these changes is to protect the public and our staff, while continuing to perform the essential and required work of the Court," said Court CEO Michael Powell. The Court will continue to consult with County Public Health and its partners in the legal community and will make additional operational adjustments as appropriate.