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## Superior Court of California County of Inyo

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For Immediate Release

RE: Superior Court Mitigation Efforts for COVID-19

We are aware that other courts around the state have closed for a period of time, are considering closures, or are continuing operations but only hearing very limited cases. We will continue to assess whether any of those scenarios becomes necessary for Inyo County.

In furtherance of compliance with the California Department of Public Health and Center for Disease Control guidelines and recommendations, the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo, is taking precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of the community. These guidelines suggest that people maintain a six foot separation from others when in confined spaces. Facility limitations at both courthouse facilities make conforming to these guidelines infeasible in most instances.

Therefore, effective today, the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo has taken the following steps to ensure public health and safety:

- All jury trials through April 13<sup>th</sup> have been vacated;
- In family law cases, the Judge will exercise discretion in continuing nonemergency Request for Order hearings and Status Conferences;
- Attorneys and litigants are strongly encouraged to make court appearances telephonically or through CourtCall in all non-criminal case types. For telephonic appearances, please contact CourtCall at (888) 882-6878;
- Subject to judicial discretion, the Court will liberally grant hearing continuances upon request and will be reducing calendar sizes and stagger the calling of different case types to minimize health and safety concerns;

The Superior Court of California, County of Inyo, recognizes that the current state of emergency is a rapidly evolving one. While these efforts effective today are steps to ensure public health and safety, changes may be made in the future as circumstances and additional information becomes available.

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