

# DISTRICT COURT SHALL ENTER A PHASED RETURN TO FULL OPERATIONS

**\*PHASES ARE CONDITIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

Pursuant to Chief Judge Barbera’s Administrative Order of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, On the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency:

<b>Any person seeking entrance to this courthouse is:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• subject to COVID-19 screening questions</li> <li>• subject to non-contact temperature checks where available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• required to wear face masks or coverings</li> <li>• required to maintain social distancing</li> </ul>
<b>Any person may be denied entrance to or required to leave this courthouse as a result of:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refusing to comply with the requirements to wear a face mask or covering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refusing to maintain social distancing</li> <li>• the screening process</li> </ul>

**Matters to be heard by the District Court are identified in each phase, below:**

<b>PHASE I – Closed to the public with limited exceptions</b>	
<b>03/16/2020</b> – <b>06/05/2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bail reviews / bench warrants</li> <li>• emergency evaluation petitions</li> <li>• quarantine and isolation violations</li> <li>• body attachments</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE II – Closed to the public with limited exceptions*</b>	
<b>06/05/2020</b> – <b>07/19/2020</b> <i>In addition to PHASE I Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• guilty pleas, with deferral of incarceration start date considered</li> <li>• hearings on petitions for mental health evaluations and competency to stand trial</li> <li>• temporary and final domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective orders</li> <li>• emergency wrongful detainer actions</li> <li>• bail reconsiderations / matters involving locally incarcerated defendants</li> <li>• preliminary hearings with a proposed resolution, no testimony required</li> <li>• temporary restraining orders</li> <li>• emergency breach of lease involving threats or injury to people or property</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE III – Open to the public*</b>	
<b>07/20/2020</b> – <b>08/30/2020</b> <i>In addition to PHASE II Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• trials for incarcerated defendants, other criminal charges alleging violent acts, alcohol-related motor vehicle matters</li> <li>• preliminary hearings</li> <li>• schedule dockets beginning 08/31/2020 (including previously postponed matters) for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ minor traffic matters</li> <li>○ civil matters (including trials)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions during court hours</li> <li>• rent escrow actions (provided local health depts. are able to provide inspection)</li> <li>• tenant holding over actions</li> <li>• warrants of restitution</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE IV*</b>	
<b>08/31/2020</b> – <b>10/04/2020</b> <i>In addition to PHASE III Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• schedule dockets beginning 10/05/2020 for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ parking citations</li> <li>○ red light citations</li> <li>○ speed camera citations</li> <li>○ school bus citations</li> <li>○ toll/MTA citations</li> <li>○ other civil citations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• all civil matters</li> <li>• failure to pay rent cases</li> <li>• minor traffic matters</li> <li>• all criminal matters</li> </ul>
<b>PHASE V</b>	
<b>10/05/2020, forward</b>	All courts resume full operations with encouragement to continue remote matters.

*\*Future phase case types may be advanced to the current phase once all required matters within the phase have been executed.*

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