

## **Superior Court of California, County of Orange Covid-19 Criminal Operations Protocols**

REQUEST	ELIGIBILITY	PROCESS	NEXT STEP
Misdemeanor Action Request (MAR) Case Resolution, Settlement Status Conference, Plea Agreement, Warrant Recall, Stipulated Continuance	<ul> <li>Defendant or counsel with 977(a) authority</li> <li>One or more open misdemeanor cases         <ul> <li>Arraignments</li> <li>pre-trials</li> <li>jury trials</li> <li>post-conviction</li> <li>Warrant recalls</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>At the request of pro per defendant, counsel, or by order of the Court.</li> <li>Complete the COVID-19 Misdemeanor Action Request form.</li> <li>Note: Continuance requests must include a completed Request for Continuance (L-1050) form</li> <li>Email completed form to the appropriate justice center:         <ul> <li>COVIDMisdRequestCJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDMisdRequestHJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDMisdRequestNJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDMisdRequestNJC@occourts.org</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Case will be reviewed. If case is calendared, clerk will email or call with hearing information.</li> <li>Judge will initiate call when matter is ready to be heard</li> </ul>
Felony Action Request (FAR) Case Resolution, Settlement Conference, Plea Agreement, Warrant Recall, Stipulated Continuance	<ul> <li>Defendant or counsel with 977(b) authority</li> <li>One or more open felony cases         <ul> <li>arraignments</li> <li>pre-trials</li> <li>jury trials</li> <li>post-conviction</li> <li>Warrant Recalls</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>At the request of pro per defendant, counsel, or by order of the Court.</li> <li>Complete the <u>COVID-19 Felony Action Request</u> form</li> <li>Note: Continuance requests must include a completed <u>Motion to Continue Felony Case PC 1050 and Waiver of Defendant's Personal Presence PC 977 B(b)</u></li> <li>Email completed form to the appropriate justice center:         <ul> <li>COVIDFelRequestCJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDFelRequestHJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDFelRequestNJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDFelRequestNJC@occourts.org</li> <li>COVIDFelRequestNJC@occourts.org</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Case will be reviewed. If case is calendared, clerk will email or call with hearing information.</li> <li>Judge will initiate call when matter is ready to be heard</li> </ul>

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Felony & Misdemeanor Motions	Felony and misdemeanor motions without filings fees (if filing fees apply, motions may be mailed or placed in the appropriate justice centers drop box)	<ul> <li>Email felony (post-prelim) motions and responsive pleadings to the Court and DA         <ul> <li>CovidMotions@occourts.org</li> <li>appellate@da.ocgov.com</li> <li>@pubdef.ocgov.com</li> </ul> </li> <li>Email felony (pre-prelim motions) misdemeanor motions and responsive pleadings to the Court and the corresponding DA's email address or PD</li> <li>Court</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Judge will review the motion/responsive pleadings and instruct the clerk to schedule a hearing, as needed.</li> <li>Clerk will provide notice of the hearing by phone or email to:         <ul> <li>DA – email addresses as reflected in the <i>Process</i> section</li> <li>PD – Mark Brown &amp; Martin Schwartz</li> <li>Alt Def – Derek Bercher</li> <li>Private Counsel – Kate Corrigan</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hearings will be conducted remotely to the extent possible.         <ul> <li>In-custody defendants will appear via WebEx.</li> <li>Hearings for non-evidentiary motions will be remote if concurrence is obtained from defense counsel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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