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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County extends stay on execution of writs of possession until March 1, 2021, and resumes limited in-person traffic matters in Oakland beginning January 7, 2021.

The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that it has extended the stay on execution of writs of possession to March 1, 2021, to align with County of Alameda's current moratorium on evictions. The extension is codified in new amendments to [emergency Local Rule 1.8a](#), effective January 1, 2021.

The Court also announced that, beginning Thursday, January 7, 2021, it will begin hearing a limited number of in-person traffic matters in Department 102 of the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse, located at 661 Washington Street in Oakland. These matters will all be pre-set by the Court; the clerk's office will remain closed to the public and walk-in appearances will not be permitted at this time. Persons who are directed to appear in person must bring proof of their court date to be admitted into the courthouse and will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire

Recognizing the current "surge" in COVID-19 cases, the Court will significantly limit the number of in-person matters each day. To continue to minimize health and safety risks to the public, partner agencies, and Court personnel—and to facilitate the timely processing of cases—the Court continues to urge all defendants in both traffic and criminal matters to appear remotely whenever possible. More information about the handling of traffic matters can be found on the Court's [traffic web page](#).

As 2021 progresses, the Court will continue to balance the public's access to justice needs with the realities of the ongoing COVID pandemic and will make further operational changes as appropriate. Please continue to regularly check the Court's dedicated [COVID-19 web page](#), and please follow [@AlamedaSuperior](https://twitter.com/AlamedaSuperior) on Twitter.