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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County extends unlawful detainer stay and clarifies acceptable unlawful detainer filings; amends Family and Probate emergency Local Rules; and updates Civil, Family, Probate, and Criminal FAQs.

The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that it has extended the stay on execution of writs of possession issued in unlawful detainer matters to August 16, 2020. The Court also clarified that, beginning on July 13, 2020, additional unlawful detainer filings related to public health and safety emergencies will be accepted. Previously, consistent with [Emergency Rule 1](#), adopted by the Judicial Council of California on April 6, 2020, the Court began accepting new unlawful detainer filings in cases where the plaintiff demonstrates that the action is necessary to protect public health and safety. Per amendments to [emergency Local Rule 1.8a](#), which the Court approved today, the Court will now also do the following:

- Accept responsive pleadings, ex parte applications, and motions in cases where the Court has permitted a complaint to be filed;
- Accept requests for entry of default and default judgment where the plaintiff demonstrates that the action is necessary to protect public health and safety, or that continued occupancy poses an imminent threat to health and safety;
- Accept requests for temporary stays of eviction and requests for Informal Discovery Conferences; and
- Accept pleadings and other documents for any pending unlawful detainer motions that were reserved before March 17, 2020.

In addition to the above, the Court today also amended [emergency Local Rule 5.46](#) to update its remote settlement conference procedures in Family Law matters, adopted minor clarifying amendments to [emergency Local Rule 7.180](#) concerning Probate proceedings, and updated the [Civil/Family/Probate](#) and [Criminal](#) FAQs on its [COVID-19 web page](#).