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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County receives second Emergency Order from Chair of Judicial Council, issues order implementing emergency authority, adopts emergency local rule requiring remote appearances and electronic service, and excuses prospective jurors from service.

On April 3, 2020, Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council of California, granted the second request of the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) for an [Emergency Order](#) to effectuate the Court's ongoing public closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequently, the Court's Presiding Judge, Hon. Tara Desautels, issued an [Implementation Order](#) exercising the emergency authority conferred by the Chief Justice. Among other things, the Implementation Order deems April 6 through May 1, 2020, to be holidays for most purposes under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, and extends the timelines for holding various juvenile court hearings.

In addition, on April 2, 2020, the Court's Judicial Executive Committee unanimously approved the adoption of new emergency [Local Rule 3.29](#). That rule, which is effective Monday, April 6, requires that during the COVID-19 crisis, (a) all appearances in civil actions and misdemeanor appeals be by telephone or video technology, and (b) all pleadings (except for initial service of process) and all court notices be served electronically.

The Court also announces that because the Court's closure period has been extended, all jury trials will be continued, and jurors will not be called. Any prospective jurors who received a summons with a date from April 6, 2020, through May 1, 2020, are not required to report for jury service. Those jurors will be considered to have satisfied their jury service and will not be summonsed again for at least one year.