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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County announces limited public reopening of Alameda and Hayward courthouses.

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The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that both the George E. McDonald Hall of Justice (GEM) and the Hayward Hall of Justice (HHJ) will reopen to the public on a limited basis effective Monday, April 12, 2021.

GEM, located at 2233 Shoreline Drive, Alameda, houses the Court's Records Unit. One window of that office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to allow the public to perform records searches and request copies of current family law documents, restraining orders, civil cases (including name changes), and small claims and probate case documents. Public terminal and viewing room usage will be limited to 30 minutes per customer.

At HHJ, located at 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, two windows will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. At this time, service will be limited to filing papers relating to all types of restraining orders, including Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Civil Harassment, Workplace Violence, and Gun Violence. Staff from the Court's Self-Help Center will also be available onsite to assist filers with these restraining order filings.

No food or beverages will be permitted indoors at either location. Further, the public will continue to be subject to health screenings and will be required to wear face coverings and comply with social distancing requirements at all times.

These limited public reopenings are consistent with Alameda County's March 31, 2021, [move to the Orange Tier](#). The Court will continue to monitor public health guidance and data at both the state and local level, and will plan for a measured restoration of additional in-person services as appropriate. Please check the Court's dedicated [COVID-19 web page](#) and follow [@AlamedaSuperior](https://twitter.com/AlamedaSuperior) on Twitter for the most current information.