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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County announces plan to “re-open” civil filings, including new complaints.

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The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that, beginning Monday, May 11, 2020, it will resume accepting nearly all civil, family, and probate filings, including filings initiating new actions. While the Court has steadily expanded the list of permissible filings over the last several weeks, today’s announcement represents a significant expansion of the public’s access to justice. The filing expansion, along with related details regarding mail, drop box, and fax filing, is detailed in newly adopted amendments to [emergency Local Rule 1.8a](#) and [Local Rule 3.30](#), and has been added to a revised version of the [Frequently Asked Questions list](#) for civil, family, and probate cases.

The Court’s decision to begin accepting and processing nearly all filings is part of its ongoing effort to resume as many Court functions as can be conducted remotely and in compliance with public health directives. That decision also reflects Governor Newsom’s announcement and plan, detailed today, to move the State of California into “Phase 2” of its reopening efforts.

At this time, resource constraints do not permit the Court to resume accepting filings relating to appeals, although the Court anticipates being able to do so in the near future. Further, given the [recently announced](#) stay on unlawful detainer proceedings, the Court will not begin accepting filings relating to those matters at this time.

As the current [Alameda County shelter in place](#) period progresses, the Court will continue to stand up as many remote operations as possible, including expanding the number and types of remote hearings that will be available. The Court will provide further updates via press release and through its [COVID-19 web page](#) and [Twitter](#) account.