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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE**

GENERAL ORDER RESTRICTING  
COURTHOUSE ENTRY AND PERMITTING  
ACCESS TO ONLY THOSE PERSONS  
REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT  
ANY TULARE COUNTY SUPERIOR  
COURTHOUSE

GENERAL ORDER  
NO. 20-03

Because of the COVID-19 epidemic resulting in Governors Newsom’s Declaration of a State of Emergency; the Tulare County Board of Supervisors declaring a public health emergency, President Donald Trump declaring an emergency over the outbreak, the directive from those government officials to ensure and facilitate personal distancing, the need to protect the health and safety of the public and court personnel, and exercising the authority granted under government code §68115 pursuant to the March 17, 2020 (“Order”) of the Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 16, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Tulare County (“Court”). The Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an order directing all Californians to shelter in place at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors to protect public health and ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability.

2. Essential functions of the Superior Court at this time are limited to

1 proceedings that are required to comply with defendants' constitutional rights, protect the  
2 health and safety of parties and address jail population concerns.

3 3. Protection of public health and safety in connection with the COVID-19 threat  
4 has resulted or is expected to result in significant interference with Superior Court services  
5 and proceedings.

6 4. Although the federal Constitution generally precludes closure of substantive  
7 courtroom proceedings in criminal cases and California's Code of Civil Procedure section  
8 124 generally precludes closure of substantive courtroom proceedings in civil proceedings,  
9 the current COVID-19 crisis resulting in shelter in place orders clearly demonstrates an  
10 overriding interest supporting restricting courthouse entry and permitting access to only  
11 those persons who are required to appear in person in any Tulare County courthouse.  
12 Public health and safety would be prejudiced absent such a restriction, which is narrowly  
13 tailored to permit only those required to enter the County's courthouses; there is no less  
14 restrictive means of achieving this overriding interest. (*NBC Subsidiary (KNBC-TV), Inc. v.*  
*Superior Court* (1999) 20 Cal.4th 1178, 1181- 1182.)

15 5. For any court proceedings occurring while this emergency order is in effect, any  
16 judge of the court may permit press coverage of proceedings in accordance with California Rules  
17 of Court Rule 1.150.

18 6. It is therefore ordered that access to any and all courthouses is restricted to  
19 those persons required to appear in person for a court hearing. This will generally include  
20 and be limited to parties, their attorneys and witnesses subpoenaed to testify. No other  
21 persons will be permitted entry without good cause.

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23 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

24 Dated March 25, 2020



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Presiding Judge Brett A. Alldredge



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