



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**NEWS RELEASE**

FROM: Russell L. Hom, Presiding Judge

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**PUBLIC ACCESS TO CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS**

Members of the Public and Media:

The Sacramento Superior Court is scheduled to resume new criminal jury trials on June 15, 2020, at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse. In order to comply with physical distancing measures, there will be limited public allowed in the building and seating in the courtrooms will be extremely limited. Most non evidentiary matters will continue to be live-streamed to the public.

Criminal trials will be pre-assigned every Wednesday. The court will post the calendar of the assigned trials and the respective departments on the media home page at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/indexes/media.aspx>. The media shall follow the current media policy and submit media request forms to the Public Information Officer. The assigned trial judge will review the requests and make the appropriate orders. Pooling orders may be issued by the court given the limited seating available.

For members of the public, spectator seating for criminal jury trials and some limited sentencing hearings will be selected by lottery. If you have interest in observing a particular trial or hearing, you must submit an email request to the Public Information Officer by **Friday at 12 noon** at [sscpio@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:sscpio@saccourt.ca.gov). The selection will be made by lottery every Friday. Those selected will be notified that they are able to attend the trial in person. Since the general public is restricted from entering the Schaber Facility, a listing of the approved attendees (including public and media) will be provided to the Schaber entrance screening. You will be required to disclose your name and the reason for your attendance to the Sheriff Deputies.

Please refer to the Order – Access to Court Proceedings By the General Public – Restricted at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/docs/order-access-to-court-proceedings-by-general-public-restricted-05152020.pdf>. The order prescribes the requirements of all members of the public

who are entering the facility and includes mandatory face coverings and having your temperature taken. Other safety precautions have been put in place to protect the public.

This policy will remain in effect as long as the shelter in place and other COVID-19 safety precautions are in place. The court will modify this policy as the safety measures are lifted. This policy is necessary to keep members of the public, legal community and court family safe.

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