

**Notice Regarding Scheduled Hearings before the Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
from March through April 2020**

On March 10, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control issued its *Recommendations for 30-day Mitigation Strategies for Santa Clara County, California*, which provides strategies to slow the spread of respiratory virus infections including the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the cause of the disease COVID-19.

In order to comply with these Recommendations, unless otherwise ordered in a specific case or proceeding, Judge Johnson hereby orders as follows:

1. The court is not altering hearing dates at this time, except as noted below.
2. All hearings scheduled on Judge Johnson's calendars will be **conducted telephonically** only. The court cannot accommodate personal appearances at this time.
3. Counsel who would like to appear at a hearing must do so by telephone. The instructions for appearing by telephone can be found on the court's website, at <http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/procedure/district-oakland-san-jose-san-francisco/policy-and-procedure-appearances-telephone>
4. Unrepresented parties (people who do not have lawyers):
 - a. If you would like to attend a hearing by telephone, please follow these instructions: <http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/procedure/district-oakland-san-jose-san-francisco/policy-and-procedure-appearances-telephone>. There is NO COST to you for this service.
 - b. If you cannot appear by telephone but still want to appear at a hearing, contact the courtroom deputy, Anna Lee, at 408-278-7517. If you do not reach her, leave a message. Your matter will be rescheduled to a date after April 5, 2020, when we hope to resume court proceedings in person. You will be notified of the later hearing date.
5. If an unrepresented party appears at court in person on a calendared hearing and wants to be heard, but has not given prior notice to the courtroom deputy, the court will reschedule the hearing to a future calendar to accommodate that appearance. If this occurs, it will be announced at the calendar call and noted on the docket.
6. Parties may continue matters that are set for hearing to future hearing dates. Dates are posted on Judge Johnson's calendar page. <http://www.canb.uscourts.gov/judge/johnson/calendar>. Continuances can be requested by uploading an application (for ex parte matters) or stipulation (for contested matters and adversary proceedings) and a proposed order resetting the matter.
7. The court will not hold evidentiary hearings during this time, and these may be rescheduled on a case-by-case basis.