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Update on Jury Trials

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Members of the Napa County Bar Association:

Due to increasing COVID-19 cases locally and throughout the state, the Napa County Superior Court has taken further action to reduce the number of people coming through our courthouses.

Earlier this week, utilizing the authority to implement certain relief under Government Code section 68115, Presiding Judge Mark Boessenecker requested and received authorization from the Chief Justice of California to issue an emergency order that will cancel any jury trials through the first week of January 2021.

The Court believes this will significantly reduce the number of people coming to our courthouses, thereby enhancing the public safety protocols we've had in place throughout the pandemic. Since June, the Court has managed to conduct jury trials with minimal issues. Despite this track record, it seems prudent to apply this "pause" on jury trials during the most dangerous surge of the pandemic. You can access on our website the Chief Justice's order [here](#) as well as the local order issued by the presiding judge [here](#).

Please note that all other court calendars and services will continue.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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