

ATTENTION

Superior Court of California County of Merced

Public Notice pursuant to Government Code section 68106
Limited Operation Days –Friday, April 6, 2012 and Monday, April 9, 2012.

The Superior Court of California, County of Merced will have limited operation days on Friday, April 6, 2012 and Monday, April 9, 2012. These two limited operation days also coincide with the furlough days being taken by the County of Merced.

On the limited operation days, all Clerk's offices and all but two courtrooms will be closed. One courtroom will remain open in the main courthouse, Courtroom 5, with a judge available to conduct criminal arraignments and examinations as required by law and to sign any documents on an emergency basis. In addition, a second courtroom will remain open in the Juvenile Division to handle time-sensitive juvenile matters. A document drop box will be available at each court location to receive documents for same day filing. Filing deadlines will not be extended due to the limited operation days.

Over the past four years the California Judicial Branch budget has been reduced by \$653 million in ongoing reductions. In Fiscal Year 2011–2012 alone, the Legislature and Governor approved a permanent \$350 million dollar reduction to the branch budget. The Merced Superior Court must absorb a 6.8% budget reduction for fiscal year 2011-12, and further reductions for fiscal year 2012-13. The Court reduced its Clerk's office hours to the public in October 2011. Court employees also have had a 4.5% reduction in salary since August 2011. Several vacant positions remain unfilled for cost savings purposes.

If you have any comments regarding this action, please send them in writing to Linda Romero Soles, Court Executive Officer at 627 W. 21st Street, Merced, CA 95340 by Friday, April 6, 2012.