



Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado

PUBLIC NOTICE RE: VIDEOCONFERENCE APPEARANCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS (January 27, 2022)

The El Dorado County Superior Court (Court) is temporarily suspending [Local Rule 5.01.00](#) that outlines the process to request videoconference in criminal proceedings. Pursuant to the [Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19](#) adopted by the Judicial Council of California, and until further notice, Local Rule 5.01.00 will be replaced with the following process.

To ensure all matters are scheduled for videoconference in a timely manner and that matters are ready to proceed at the designated date and time, an [Application for Videoconference Appearance and Order \(Local Form M-51\)](#) must be submitted to the Court. This form is available at <https://eldorado.courts.ca.gov/forms-filing/local-forms>.

Unless otherwise ordered or directed by a judicial officer, the Local Form M-51 must be submitted to the Court no less than two (2) full court days prior to the date of the scheduled matter. For example, if a matter is being heard on Friday the Local Form M-51 would need to be submitted to the Court by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the same week, holidays/closures excluded. A judicial officer will issue an order on the request for videoconference appearance. If the request is *granted*, the Court will arrange for the videoconferencing appearance and notice the person(s) who will appear by videoconference.

Note: Under emergency circumstances (e.g., COVID-19 related or sudden injury/illness), the Court may accept requests to appear by Zoom videoconference by contacting the Clerk's Office and/or department in which the matter is scheduled to be heard. The judicial officer will determine whether to approve the emergency request to appear by videoconferencing.

For updates and information visit <https://eldorado.courts.ca.gov/>.