

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ORDER FOR DUE PROCESS HEARINGS AND
MEDIATIONS AND CLOSURE OF PUBLIC COUNTERS

APRIL 15, 2020

Under Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Executive Order N-25-20 arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and any subsequent additional emergency orders, the declarations of county and city public health emergencies throughout the state in response to the rapidly-increasing spread of COVID-19, President Trump's declaration of a national emergency over the outbreak, the directives from government officials to ensure and facilitate social distancing, and, in some instances, to shelter in place, to protect the health and safety of the public and administrative court personnel, and under the authority granted under Government Code section 11512, subdivision (b), providing for the exercise of all powers relating to the conduct of hearings when an agency has delegated a matter to an administrative law judge,

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Special Education Division **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. From April 15, 2020 until otherwise ordered, all Special Education hearing rooms at OAH locations are closed to the public, and no hearings or mediations at off-site locations will take place.

2. Special Education prehearing conferences, mediations and hearings will be held by video conferencing or telephonically.


3. All motions and filings must be submitted through OAH's online Secure e-File system, sent by U.S. mail, or overnight carrier. Special arrangements may be made for in-person drop off at OAH offices by calling 916-263-0880.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL SPECIAL EDUCATION MATTERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY PHONE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE, AS APPLICABLE. THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, AND MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

IT IS SO ORDERED

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Director and Chief

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearing