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MONTEREY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SELF-HELP CENTER CONTINUES TO SERVE LIGITANTS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Monterey County Superior Court is pleased to announce the continued commitment of the Self-Help Center to serve self-represented litigants during the COVID-19 emergency and subsequent court closure.

The Self-Help Center is currently available remotely to assist those without attorneys in both English and Spanish in a number of case types. Users can reach the Self-Help Center by phone at (831) 647-5800 x 3005 or by email at selfhelpcenter@monterey.courts.ca.gov.

The Self-Help Center staff are assisting users individually over the phone or by email at this time. While urgent matters such as restraining orders, child custody, and modification to child support are prioritized during the court closure, staff are also available to answer questions in other non-criminal matters such as family law, guardianship, limited conservatorship, limited civil, landlord/tenant, and small claims.

New and improved instructions and form packets for filing urgent motions such as restraining orders, child custody or child support matters have been posted to the court's website here: <https://www.monterey.courts.ca.gov/forms>.

Information, instructions and individual forms can also be found on the California Courts website located at www.courts.ca.gov.

Presiding Judge Julie Culver stated, "The Self-Help Center services are one of the many ways that the Monterey Superior Court continues to prioritize those most in need in our community during this uncertain time. The essential services they provide make a difference in the lives of so many."

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