

Monthly news & updates

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Message from the President



Dear CALSPro Family,

I am certain you've received numerous emails regarding the COVID-19 Virus. We are in unprecedented times and the situation is changing rapidly, not just

for the United States but our world as a whole. We take tremendous pride in the safety and health of our members, directors, and administration. We take this very seriously and it is a huge priority for us.

We have canceled our in-person board of directors meeting on April 4, 2020, in Los Angeles and have scheduled a telephonic legislation committee meeting as well as a board meeting instead. I just read that Major League Baseball games are canceled until at least mid-May.

Jonathan Nill with LegalConnect has agreed to monitor and track any court closures/delays and keep our members informed. Please email him directly at Jnill@legalconnect.com if you hear anything in your community.

In case you have not received this information, I would like to share the following information that was forwarded to me by Larry Sukay with Patriot Insurance:

I've been asked by several clients if the Business Income coverage provided under the property portion of the policy will cover the loss of income as a result of the Corona Virus.

I have been on the phone for the last several days with several underwriters discussing this and the general consensus is that BI (Business Income) is

Taiwan experts provide a simple self-check that we can do every morning. Take a deep breath and hold your breath for more than 10 seconds. If you complete it successfully without coughing, without discomfort, stiffness or tightness, etc., it proves there is no Fibrosis in the lungs, basically indicates no infection. In critical times, please self-check every morning in an environment with clean air. Serious excellent advice by Japanese doctors treating COVID-19 cases: Everyone should ensure your mouth & throat are moist, never dry. Take a few sips of water every 15 minutes at least. Why? Even if the virus gets into your mouth, drinking water or other liquids will wash them down through your throat and into the stomach. Once there, your stomach acid will kill all the viruses. If you don't drink enough water more regularly, the virus can enter your windpipe and into the lungs. That's very dangerous. Please send and share this with family and friends. Take care everyone and may the world recover from this Coronavirus soon.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - CORONAVIRUS

- 1. If you have a runny nose and sputum, you have a common cold 2. Coronavirus pneumonia is a dry cough with no runny nose.
- 3. This new virus is not heat-resistant and will be killed by a temperature of just 26/27 degrees. It hates the Sun.
- 4. If someone sneezes with it, it takes about 10 feet before it drops to the ground and is no longer airborne.
- 5. If it drops on a metal surface it will live for at least 12 hours so if you come into contact with any metal surface wash your hands as soon as you can with a bacterial soap.
- 6. On fabric, it can survive for 6-12 hours. Normal laundry detergent will kill it.
- 7. Drinking warm water is effective for all viruses. Try not to drink liquids with ice.
- 8. Wash your hands frequently as the virus can only live on your hands for 5-10 minutes, but a lot

triggered when there is a physical loss due to a covered peril "Cause of Loss" i.e. Fire, Lightening, Wind, Hail, etc. or not otherwise excluded. An "Epidemic (or Virus) & Disease" is a specific exclusion along with "Earth Movement", "Nuclear" and other typical standard policy exclusions.

Policies also have what's called "Civil Authority" language in the event of a shutdown ordered by the government, but the trigger must also be a covered peril and typically required by physical damage to adjacent or nearby property. So likely no coverage here either.

The bottom-line Business Income is directly related to a property loss. I do not see any coverage is provided under the Business Income section or picking up any loss of income from the pandemic virus

I've included a **LINK** to an article from The New York Times that further explains the limitations of standard insurance policies. There is a new type of policy that will provide coverage for future pandemics, but not this one. Please let me know if you have an interest in this coverage.

I was also recently forwarded the following which provides key information on the virus.

STANFORD HOSPITAL BOARD INTERNAL MESSAGE:

The new Coronavirus may not show signs of infection for many days. How can one know if he/she is infected? By the time they have a fever and/or cough and go to the hospital, the lung is usually 50% Fibrosis and it's too late.

can happen during that time - you can rub your eyes, pick your nose unwittingly and so on.

- 9. You should also gargle as prevention. A simple solution of salt in warm water will suffice. Flushing your sinuses is also a good idea!
- 10. Can't emphasize enough drink plenty of water! THE SYMPTOMS
- 1. It will first infect the throat, so you'll have a sore throat lasting 3/4 days 2. The virus then blends into a nasal fluid that enters the trachea and then the lungs, causing pneumonia. This takes about 5/6 days further.
- 3. With the pneumonia comes high fever and difficulty in breathing.
- 4. The nasal congestion is not like the normal kind. You feel like you're drowning. It's imperative you then seek medical attention

As we put things in perspective, take a moment to appreciate what we have in our lives. It's a good time to slow down and enjoy your family, friends, sunrise, sunset or just enjoy taking a breath. Remember we are a strong association and in the event you need anything please reach out to myself or one of our amazing board members. Thank you and stay safe.

Best regards,

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Notice from California Chief Justice's Office

California Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issued guidance to California trial courts seeking emergency orders to adjust or suspend court operations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Current California law circumscribes the authority of the Chief Justice during emergencies. Presiding Judges of county superior courts may petition the Chief Justice—as chair of the Judicial Council—for an emergency order to support their local needs.

The law (Section 68115 of the Government Code) allows local courts to request a number of relief measures, including declaring holidays to recalculate filing deadlines, extending temporary restraining orders, holding sessions elsewhere in the county, extending the time for a criminal trial to be held, and others. (Note: All emergency orders signed by the Chief Justice related to COVID-19 can be found **HERE**).

The Chief Justice's guidance serves as a blueprint for requests that would be presumptively approved. Requests beyond those listed in the advisory will also be expedited, she wrote.

"California's judicial branch is facing an unprecedented challenge with the COVID-19 virus," Cantil-Sakauye wrote. "I recognize that this situation may require the temporary adjustment or suspension of court operations and procedures. I stand prepared to prioritize all such requests that may be submitted in the days ahead."

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Legislative Update

This year has started off with a bang and your legislative team has been hard at work. Since January, over 2,200 pieces of legislation have been proposed to the legislature and again this year, CALSPro is included. The CALSPro proposed bill AB2251 would amend Penal Code 4013, to make it personal service on an inmate, when serving a sheriff, jailer or prison guard with a paper in a judicial proceeding. We still have a long way to go, but we've received good feedback, so far.

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How Do You Find A Registered Process Server? According to the Sacramento Law Library, through CALSPro, Of Course!

The Sacramento Law Library has published an online memo about service of process. The memo covers all angles of Who, What, When, Where regarding service of process. In a special mention on page 4 listing Who Can Serve My Court Papers they state that a directory of process servers is available at www.calspro.org.



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Interested in Becoming A CCPS? (CALSPro Certified Process Server)

... or just need to renew your certification or fine tune your serving skills?

WORKSHOP & EXAM Saturday- April 4, 2020 | 9am - Noon - Workshop and Exam WEBINAR ONLY

This workshop will feature a comprehensive study of all the information needed to pass the C.C.P.S. exam. In addition to the standard workshop this seminar will include a portion dedicated to the beginning or inexperienced process server. Added emphasis will be given to all changes affecting service of process in 2020.

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