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Through the use of technology, and with the collaborative efforts of our justice partners, the Fresno Superior Court has found new and innovative ways to meet our goal of protecting the health and safety of our employees and public, while protecting the constitutional rights of the defendants and meeting public hearing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 8, 2020, the Court began conducting arraignments for in-custody defendants using video technology. This has allowed us to proceed with compulsory hearings while complying with local and state health directives. The Court is conducting certain criminal hearings by bringing together, from remote locations, the Judge, courtroom staff, attorneys, defendant and other necessary parties in a “virtual courtroom” through the use of the Zoom application.

To allow public access to these proceedings, despite the ongoing facility closures, the hearings are now being live-streamed over the internet on YouTube.

The Court intends to continue to expand its use of technology into other areas of operation, during and beyond the current health crisis.

For additional information regarding our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the link to live-streamed public hearings, please visit the court’s website at www.fresno.courts.ca.gov.

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