

PRESS RELEASE

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CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM OPENS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Barstow, CA—San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is pleased to announce that the fourth Children's Waiting Room located at the newly renovated Barstow Courthouse will open on Monday, November 8, 2021, as part of the <u>High Desert Reorganization Project</u>.

Upon completion of a required COVID-19 health screening questionnaire, children's waiting rooms provide a supervised environment for children 2 ½ years (toilet-trained) to 14 years of age in which parents or guardians may leave their child(ren) while conducting court business, at no additional cost. Children's waiting rooms (also available at the Fontana, San Bernardino Justice Center and San Bernardino Historic Courthouses) are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., (except court holidays). Accommodations are limited to one child per location (unless in the same household) and provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

All court users must wear a face covering at all times while inside any court location (See <u>General Order</u>). Children entering the Children's Waiting Room must continue to wear their face covering. Children will not be permitted into the courthouse if unvaccinated and exposed to someone with COVID-19, are feeling ill, or have been asked to quarantine by a healthcare professional. The Children's Waiting Rooms are cleaned and sanitized multiple times throughout the day. Children will be required to wash their hands prior to entering/exiting the children's waiting room.

As a reminder, do not come into any court location if you have COVID-19, are unvaccinated and have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, are feeling ill, or have been asked to quarantine by a healthcare professional.

Members of the public are encouraged to frequently check SBSC's website (<u>www.sb-court.org</u>), social media accounts (<u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>), and designated COVID-19 page (<u>www.sb-court.org/covid-19</u>) for the latest services available to the public.

For media-related questions, please contact Julie Van Hook, Communications and Public Affairs Officer via <u>courts-pio@sb-court.org</u>.

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