

A Department of Ventura County Health Care Agency

Protecting Health - Promoting Wellness

## 2025-2026 Emergency/weekend filing

Emergency/Weekend filing is to be used only when the disposition of human remains will take place after 4:00 PM on the last business day before a weekend or before 7:30 AM on Monday or the first business day following a holiday.

Emergency filing is defined as a death where the deceased was a member of the Muslim, Jewish, or other religious faith that practices the disposition of the body within 1-2 days after death.

Permits for shipping out of state and out of the Country may be issued only if all requirements are met.

## Fees Effective July 01, 2025

Regular Filing: \$12.00 Emergency/Weekend filing: \$287.48 plus \$12.00 per permit (Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) Death Certificate: \$24.00 per certified copy Fetal Death Certificates: \$21.00 per certified copy Certificate of Still Birth: \$14.00 per certified copy NSF Fee: \$61.00 Fax filing fee: \$4.00 + \$12.00 permit fee. Available for filing of specified permits only and must have a current, signed fax contract.

## **Procedure**

Upon a death within the Ventura County jurisdiction, a Deputy Registrar will be on-call between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM on weekends (excludes holidays).

- 1. A mortuary contacted by the family of the Deceased, initiates a request for disposition permit via the Electronic Death Registry System (EDRS) per protocol.
- 2. The mortuary calls the Public Health Department after-hours phone line (805) 214-7057 between the designated emergency service disposition permit hours 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.
- 3. The after-hours on-call service contacts the Vital Records Office employee scheduled to be on-call for that day.
- 4. The Vital Records Office Registrar logs on to EDRS from their off-site or on-site location and completes the disposition in accordance with state regulations and approved protocol. The Vital Records Office registrar contacts the Vital Records Office Manager if there are any questions or concerns about the emergency request.
- 5. The mortuary accesses the issued disposition permit via EDRS.
- 6. All permits for out of country will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis and will only be approved if all requirements are met.

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## OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2025

Holiday	Date	County of Ventura	Courts
		Departments	
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1	CLOSED	CLOSED
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20	CLOSED	CLOSED
Lincoln's Birthday	Wednesday, February 12	OPEN	CLOSED
President's Day	Monday, February 17	CLOSED	CLOSED
Cesar Chavez Day	Monday March 31	OPEN	CLOSED
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26	CLOSED	CLOSED
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19	CLOSED	CLOSED
Independence Day	Friday, July 4	CLOSED	CLOSED
Labor Day	Monday, September 1	CLOSED	CLOSED
Native American Day	Friday, September 26	OPEN	CLOSED
Veteran's Day	Tuesday, November 11	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27	CLOSED	CLOSED
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28	CLOSED	CLOSED
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25	CLOSED	CLOSED

\*If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be treated as a holiday. If an observed holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday will be treated as a holiday.