

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
JUDICIAL REVIEW OF PUBLIC) Administrative Order
HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDERS TO) No. 2020 - 44
CONTROL COMMUNICABLE OR) (Replacing Administrative
INFECTIOUS DISEASES) Order No. 2020-41)
_____)

State and local public health agencies are authorized by state statutes and Arizona Department of Health Services regulations to order measures to prevent and control communicable and infectious diseases, such as the COVID-19 virus. Judicial review of these orders and the opportunity for a person affected by an order to secure judicial review of these measures is required by law. The courts must be prepared and available to respond effectively and expeditiously.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Sections 3 and 5, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the superior court judges listed in Appendix A of this order are assigned to provide judicial review in any court in their respective counties of measures taken by public health agencies to prevent and control communicable or infectious diseases, including the COVID-19 virus,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presiding judge may assign cases to other judges in the event the listed judge(s) are unable to handle the volume of cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presiding judge(s) of all counties are hereby authorized to adopt or suspend any local rules and orders and to take any action concerning court operations that the circumstances require to enable the assigned judges to perform the duties required including any of the following actions:

- Provide for 24-hour operation of one or more courts and “on call” status for judges to hear any claim concerning emergency measures taken by local or state government officials.
- Transfer cases to superior court and reassign superior court judges to hear cases filed in municipal or justice courts.
- Provide for alternate signing and delivery of filings, orders and other documents (e.g., electronic signatures)
- Authorize constables or other court personnel to serve process if the sheriff is unavailable and a matter must proceed
- Conduct proceedings using appearance of parties by audio, video, authorized representative, counsel or other means that allows all parties to fully participate.
- Determine the system to be used for appointment of counsel as required by law.

- With the assistance of the Administrative Office of the Courts, provide additional education of judges, court employees, and any other persons as needed to promote effective and efficient adjudication of the cases addressed by this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presiding judge in cooperation with the presiding judge of the juvenile court and public health agencies determine and adopt measures needed concerning the operation of juvenile detention centers and the placement of juveniles in treatment facilities.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2020.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

APPENDIX A

Name	Superior Court
Hon. Michael Latham	Apache County
Hon. David Thorn	Cochise County
Hon. Terry Bannon	Cochise County
Hon. Fanny Steinlage	Coconino County
Hon. Bryan B. Chambers	Gila County
Hon. Michael D. Peterson	Graham County
Hon. Monica L. Stauffer	Greenlee County
Hon. Jessica L. Quickle	La Paz County
Hon. Dean Fink	Maricopa County
Hon. Lori Horn Bustamante	Maricopa County
Hon. Lee F. Jantzen	Mohave County
Hon. Megan McCoy	Mohave County
Hon. Robert Higgins	Navajo County
Hon. Michael J. Butler	Pima County
Hon. Barbara Hazel	Pinal County
Hon. Thomas Fink	Santa Cruz County
Hon. Denneen Peterson	Santa Cruz County (Back-up)
Hon. Michael R. Bluff	Yavapai County
Hon. John D. Napper	Yavapai County
Hon. Anna C. Young	Yavapai County
Hon. Roger A. Nelson	Yuma County