

IN THE CHINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI

In the Matter of:)
) Administrative Order
COURT OPERATIONAL)
MEASURE TO CONTROL) No. 2020-01
COMMUNICABLE OR)
INFECTIOUS DISEASES)
_____)

The Arizona Supreme Court has instructed Arizona Courts to take appropriate measure to reduce the number of people entering the courthouse to slow the potential spread of COVID-19 coronavirus disease or other communicable diseases.

Therefore, pursuant to Supreme Court of Arizona Administrative Order 2020-44 and 2020-45,

IT IS ORDERED that clerical and judicial staff are authorized to perform the following actions:

- Conduct proceedings using appearance of parties by audio, video, or other means that allows all parties to fully participate.
- Provide a 30-day continuance on criminal arraignments, pre-trials, non-jury trials, and order to show cause hearings (Prosecutor's position is still required on all matters except arraignments and order to show cause hearings).
- Provide defendants 60 days from conviction date to report for self-surrender jail commitments in efforts to minimize the risk of infection to defendants and individuals in jail facilities.
- Provide a 45-day continuance on civil/civil traffic arraignments, hearings and defensive driving school extensions.
- Conduct payment plan negotiations by phone or e-mail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that time is excluded for speedy trial purposes and time standards/limits are suspended on criminal and civil charges as in the best interest of justice and public health, safety, and welfare.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that electronic and digital signatures are approved as alternative signing options.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any local rules or orders contradicting the above actions are suspended and replaced with this administrative order until further notice.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.

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Mary E. Hamm
Presiding Magistrate