

**IN THE PHOENIX MUNICIPAL COURT
COUNTY OF MARICOPA, STATE OF ARIZONA**

IN THE MATTER OF LIMITING COURT	)	
OPERATIONS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH	)	
EMERGENCY	)	ORDER 20-04
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency. Additionally, the Arizona Supreme Court has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-47 authorizing limitations of court operations during a public health emergency.

Therefore, to avoid all in-person proceedings in the Phoenix Municipal Court to the greatest extent possible consistent with core constitutional rights and until further order of the Arizona Supreme Court, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-47,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- (a) All jury trials currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through March 31, 2020 are continued for two weeks and will be reset to a Trial Date Conference, subject. All persons summoned for jury duty during this period are excused.
- (b) All post arraignment non-trial settings for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through May 12, 2020 are continued for eight weeks.
- (c) Beginning March 18, 2020, any case continued from arraignment will not be scheduled prior to May 12, 2020.
- (d) All non-jury trials for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through May 12, 2020 are vacated and will be reset for a status conference after May 12, 2020.
- (e) All civil hearings currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through May 12, 2020 are continued for eight weeks.
- (f) For all criminal cases subject to this Order, time is excluded for the purpose of calculating time under Rules 8 and 27, *Rules of Criminal Procedure*, between March 18, 2020 and March 31, 2020, subject to further direction of the Arizona Supreme Court.
- (g) All Protective Order proceedings will continue with the direction that telephonic appearances are to be utilized where feasible until further notice.
- (h) All persons with scheduled appearances are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from entering the Court.

- (i) All persons entering the Court without a scheduled appearance are required to notify the Court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from entering the Court.
- (j) All non-essential functions currently scheduled to be conducted in the Court are cancelled until further notice, including field trips, tours, and Teen Court.
- (k) All proceedings occurring within the Court are to be conducted in a manner consistent with Center for Disease Control social distancing recommendations until further notice.

IT IS FURTHER ENCOURAGED that all parties continue to work towards the resolution and settlement of the cases subject to this Order.

DATED this 17th day of March 2020.

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B. Don Taylor III
Chief Presiding Judge