

The City of Phoenix Municipal Court Reschedules Trials and Implements Temporary Measures Mitigating COVID-19 Exposure Risk

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Amidst the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, and as authorized by the Arizona Supreme Court, the City of Phoenix Municipal Court has taken steps to mitigate COVID-19 exposure risk to persons conducting court business, or summoned for jury duty. In an Administrative Order issued today by Chief Presiding Judge B. Don Taylor III, the Court has implemented temporary measures to reduce in-person contact in a manner consistent with the Center for Disease Controls' social distancing guidelines. In summary the order does the following:

- Continues all criminal jury trials scheduled from March 18 through March 31, 2020, and excuses those individuals summoned for jury duty during that time period so that they do not have to appear at the Court.
- Cancels all criminal bench trials (non-jury trials) for defendants that are not in custody scheduled from March 18 through May 12, 2020 and resets the matters to status conferences to occur after May 12, 2020.
- Continues all civil hearings for eight weeks.
- Continues all non-trial settings for defendants that are not in custody for eight weeks.
- Directs that all Order of Protection and Injunction Against Harassment proceedings continue to be held and that telephonic appearances take place where feasible.
- Requires persons with any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure to refrain from appearing and conducting court business in person.
- Cancels all non-essential Court functions until further notice.

Any individuals with business before the Court are encouraged to call 602.262.6421  or email court@phoenix.gov with any questions.

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