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Pima County Superior Court Prohibits Physical Access to the Courthouse for Most Proceedings

PIMA COUNTY, AZ. – Through the direction of Pima County Superior Court Administrative Order 2020-16 issued by Presiding Judge Kyle A. Bryson on March 26, 2020, and effective immediately, no in-person proceedings will be conducted at the Superior Court in Pima County or the Pima County Juvenile Court Center. This Order, available on the Superior Court website www.sc.pima.gov, remains in place through April 17, 2020.

Limited exceptions will be made for hearings where an in-person appearance is required by statute or the Arizona state or U.S. Constitution.

For such proceedings, specified individuals associated with the matter may attend, subject to the judge's discretion. Those so authorized may include the parties, lawyers participating in the hearing or event, witnesses, victims, sheriff's deputies, detention or law enforcement officers, and parents in juvenile delinquency matters. All individuals in attendance must observe social distancing guidelines to the extent reasonably possible.

Anyone planning to attend a court proceeding who has had exposure to or shows symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath) must contact the Court to make other arrangements. They should NOT come to the courthouse.

Hearings for nonemergency matters, although generally suspended, may take place if the parties participate remotely and are not in the courthouse. All such proceedings are subject to the discretion of each assigned judge.

The Superior Court continues to work with the Arizona Supreme Court, local Pima County authorities, and the Pima County and Arizona state health departments to ensure it is taking the steps necessary to protect the public during the COVID-19 emergency. For more information, see the Superior Court website, <https://www.sc.pima.gov> or contact communityrelations@sc.pima.gov.

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