

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

IN THE MATTER OF LIMITING COURT)
OPERATIONS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH)
EMERGENCY) ORDER 20-08
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a statewide emergency on March 11, 2020. Subsequently, the Arizona Supreme Court issued Administrative Orders Nos. 2020-47, 2020-48, 2020-60 and 2020-70 ordering the limitation of court operations during a public health emergency.

On March 30, 2020, in order to further reduce the continuing spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-18 urging Arizona residents to stay-at-home other than for essential activities. While the Executive Order acknowledges that legal and court processes constitute essential activities, the Phoenix Municipal Court believes that to protect the health and safety of the public and of its employees, further restrictions on in-person court proceedings and court activities are necessary.

Therefore, to continue mitigating 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 Orders Nos. 2020-47, 2020-48, 2020-60 and 2020-70,

IT IS ORDERED that Administrative Order 20-05 is replaced by this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from April 1, 2020 through June 1, 2020, with limited exceptions as set forth below, no in-person proceeding will occur in Phoenix Municipal Court. The Court will continue to hold telephonic hearings and remain available to process all-case types and non-appearance proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attendance at any in-person proceeding held pursuant to one of the limited exceptions below will be limited to parties, witnesses, victims, law enforcement officers, and lawyers participating in the proceeding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) All jury trials currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through June 1, 2020 are continued and will be reset to a Trial Date Conference. 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 June 1, 2020 are continued and reset after June 1, 2020.
- (c) All arraignments scheduled through June 1, 2020 will be continued and reset after June 1, 2020.
- (d) All non-jury trials for out of custody defendants currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through June 1, 2020 are vacated and will be reset for a status conference.
- (e) All civil hearings currently scheduled for March 18, 2020 through June 1, 2020 are continued and reset after June 1, 2020.
- (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 June 1, 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 non-essential functions currently scheduled to be conducted in the Court are cancelled until further notice, including field trips, tours, and Teen Court.
- (j) 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 29th day of April 2020.



B. Don Taylor III
Chief Presiding Judge