



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court

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In the matter of:

**COURT OPERATIONS DURING PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
THE CORONAVIRUS**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-0001

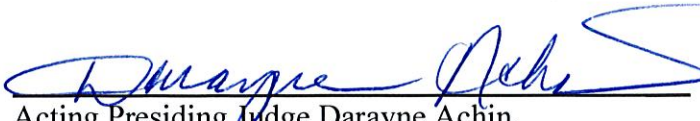
This Administrative Order is issued to address public health concerns related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Community has issued a Local Emergency Declaration and guidance to departments regarding essential services. In light of this direction and pursuant to section 4-31a(a)(viii) of the Code of Ordinances, the Court issues the following orders:

1. Because public gatherings are discouraged by public health officials, it will be difficult to seat juries and compel the attendance of counsel and witnesses. Therefore, in the interest of justice and pursuant to Rule 7.2(2) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, all time from Friday, March 20, 2020 through Friday April 17, 2020 is excluded for speedy trial right purposes.
2. All bench and jury trials scheduled to begin on or before Friday April 17, 2020 are continued pending further order of the Court. Any party seeking an exception from this order should submit an appropriate motion to the assigned judge.
3. For initial appearances and arraignments in which the defendant is in custody, the defendant will appear via video conferencing from the Department of Corrections or his/her presence is waived. Arraignments scheduled for defendants who are not in custody are vacated and will be rescheduled. In the interest of justice and pursuant to Rule 7.2(2) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure, all time from Friday, March 20, 2020 through Friday April 17, 2020 is excluded for purposes of scheduling the arraignment as required by Rule 5. Any defendant seeking an exception from this order should submit an appropriate motion to the assigned judge.
4. All time from Friday, March 20, 2020 through Friday April 17, 2020 is excluded for purposes of calculating time pursuant to the Rules of Civil Procedure.
5. Hearings in civil traffic matters are continued until April 24, 2020.
6. Judges are authorized to conduct ex parte hearings regarding orders of protection via telephone or other electronic means.

7. All practitioners are encouraged to request oral argument only when necessary and to ensure their filings contain sufficient information and argument to allow judges to rule without conducting hearings.
8. Upon stipulation by counsel for all parties, hearings will be conducted telephonically with only Court staff physically present in the Courtroom.
9. The Court reserves the right to limit the number of people in the Courtroom including spectators and victims to comply with Community and/or Centers for Disease Control guidance.
10. Drug Court is hereby suspended. Participants will suffer no adverse consequences as a result of this suspension.
11. All non-emergency hearings scheduled from Friday, March 20, 2020 through Friday April 17, 2020 are vacated. Any party seeking an exception from this order should submit an appropriate motion to the assigned judge.
12. If in-person visits to wards of the Court are not possible, guardians ad litem and caseworkers are directed to provide the Court with written reports that include plans for on-going communication with the wards and their care givers. The first of these reports will be due on April 3, 2020 and must include a proposed schedule for regular updates to the Court based on the needs of the individual ward. If in-person visits are possible and the ward's condition is stable, no reports are required.
13. Telephonic requests for change of placement of wards of the Court are authorized. Guardians ad litem must either participate in the call or the request must include a stipulation that indicates the guardian ad litem agrees to the change. The stipulation must be signed by the guardian ad litem or must include documentation (such as an email) that verifies the guardian ad litem's agreement.
14. Beginning Monday March 23, 2020 the Court will utilize its weekend schedule every day for initial appearances. This schedule will remain in effect through April 19, 2020.
15. All court ordered visits for Department of Corrections inmates and detainees are suspended for the duration of any Department of Corrections policy enacted pursuant to the Community's emergency declaration related to the corona virus.
16. During the time this Administrative Order remains in effect, no bench warrants will be issued for failure to appear.
17. All practitioners are required to inform their clients of this Administrative Order.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.

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Acting Presiding Judge Darayne Achin,
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court