

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
Pima County Court Operations )  
During the Public Health Emergency ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) NO. 2020-12

Due to the concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and 26-301(15). The Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court has issued an Administrative Order [No. 2020-47](#), authorizing the presiding judge of the superior court to determine how any in-person court proceedings are to be conducted in each of the county's courtrooms, under conditions that protect the health and safety of all participants.

This order applies to all courts in Pima County, including limited jurisdiction courts, based on Rule 92 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Orders 2005-32 and 2013-70, as well as the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Pima County Superior Court for Administrative Oversight of City Court.

This order does not apply to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 2.

Therefore, pursuant to the aforementioned Administrative Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, IT IS ORDERED:

- A. Judges in all courts in Pima County, including limited jurisdiction courts, are hereby authorized to exclude any persons from a courtroom, except litigants and lawyers, until further order of this Court. Judges shall observe best social-distancing practices and may order that any person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 leave the courtroom. (Per the United States Center for Disease Control, symptoms include but are not limited to fever, cough and shortness of breath.)
- B. Any person who has symptoms of COVID-19 or who suspects to have had exposure to the virus shall refrain from coming to court. Any such person shall contact via telephone or email the assigned trial division to report the reason for her/his absence and request to be excused. To inhibit the spread of the virus, non-parties and others whose presence are not necessary to conduct court business should not attend court proceedings or enter the courthouse. Friends and relatives should not attend court with parties, and children and the elderly should not enter the courthouse. Judges may at any time exclude any person from a courtroom, as per above. Individuals in any courthouse who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 may be asked to not enter or to exit the building by authorized court security

