

ARIZONA SUPERIOR COURT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	Administrative Order
LIFTING THE MASK MANDATE)	No. 2022-07 (replaces
RESTRICTION)	AO 2021-39 and 2021-40)
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_____)	

Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2021-187 authorizes the presiding superior court judge of each county to modify that county’s judicial branch health emergency orders to address the use of social distancing and other health and safety measures to protect employees and the public from the spread of COVID-19. Superior Court Administrative Orders 2021-39 and 2021-40 establish pandemic-related health and safety requirements for, respectively, the Superior Court, the Justice Courts and the Municipal Courts in Pima County. After consultation with the Pima County Public Health Department, and based upon its recommendations, changes to health and safety protocols are now warranted.

IT IS ORDERED that any person intending to be present at a court proceeding must notify the assigned judicial division by telephone or email prior to appearing at the courthouse of any COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms and to make alternative arrangements to appear by teleconference or videoconference, have their presence waived, or have the proceeding reset. Any person with a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms shall not attend the court event in person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons entering the courthouse, including attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), court personnel, and others, must notify the court in advance of any COVID -19 diagnosis or symptoms and to make alternative arrangements to participate. Failure to do so may result in issuance of sanctions including but not limited to contempt of court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for all persons, beginning March 14, 2022, wearing a mask inside a Judicial Branch facility in Pima County is recommended but will be voluntary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that judicial officers have the discretion to require masks in their courtrooms for the duration of any jury trial currently in session. For future jury trials, wearing a mask will be recommended but voluntary for the participants.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Municipal court presiding judges within Pima County, the chief administrative justice of the peace of the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court¹, and the justices of the peace in Green Valley and Ajo, considering the individual circumstances of their court facilities, have the discretion and authority to modify their respective health screening protocols, social spacing requirements, and mask requirements for all areas of their respective court facilities.

DATED this __11__ day of March 2022.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Bergin
JEFFREY T. BERGIN
Presiding Judge

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Juvenile Court Judges
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Hon. John Peck, Presiding, Ajo Justice Court
Hon. Ray Carroll, Presiding, Green Valley Justice Court
Hon. Laine McDonald, Presiding, Marana Municipal Court
Hon. James Hazel, Presiding, Oro Valley Magistrate Court
Hon. Maria Avilez, Presiding, Sahuarita Municipal Court
Hon. Richard Madril, Presiding, South Tucson Municipal Court
Hon. Antonio Riojas, Presiding, Tucson City Court

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¹ Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-115, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court currently acts as the chief administrative justice of the peace of the Pima County Consolidated Justice Court.

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