



The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court

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In the matter of:

**RESUMING COURT OPERATIONS
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE
CORONAVIRUS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER 21-0001**

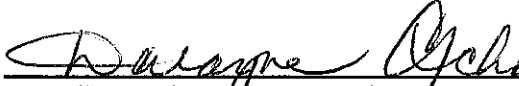
This Administrative Order is issued to describe operations for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court as it resumes full operations following the public health emergency related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Community issued a Local Emergency Declaration and on-going guidance to departments regarding essential services beginning March 20, 2020. Since then, the Community Court issued several administrative orders that have limited and modified court operations consistent with directives from Community executive administration. On June 17, 2021, the Community issued updated guidelines and directives establishing Phase 3 of the *SRPMIC Return to work plan* and a transition date of July 5, 2021. Pursuant to the Community's phased return to work guidelines and section 4-31a(a)(viii) of the Code of Ordinances, the Court issues the following orders:

1. This administrative order supersedes Administrative Orders 20-0001, 20-0002, 20-0003, 20-0004, 20-0005, 20-0006, 20-0007, 20-0008, 20-0009, 20-0010, 20-0011, 20-0012, and 20-0013.
2. Beginning on July 5, 2021, the Community Court is resuming full operations consistent with the Community government's social distancing and safety protocols as identified in Phase 3 of the *SRPMIC Return to work plan* dated June 17, 2021.
3. All participants in any court proceeding, including advocates, attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, probation officers, court employees, and other necessary persons are required to notify the court prior to appearing at the courthouse of any COVID-19 diagnosis, symptoms, or exposure notification by public health authorities and are required to make alternative arrangements to participate.
4. All participants in any court proceeding, including advocates, attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, probation officers, court employees, and other necessary persons are expected to appear in-person for any scheduled criminal and civil proceeding. Persons detained in the Salt River Department of Corrections may continue to appear by video for Initial Appearances.
5. Hearings in criminal matters and certain civil and emergency matters will be scheduled as follows:
 - Arraignments, including those previously vacated due to COVID-19, will take place Monday and Friday at 9 a.m. excluding Community holidays
 - Hearings on petitions for temporary restraining orders, domestic violence orders of protection, and any emergency petition will take place on Monday through Friday excluding Community holidays and held within 24 hours of the court receiving the petition
 - Juvenile Detention hearings will take place every day at 10:00 a.m. as needed, including weekends and Community holidays

- Adult Initial Appearances will take place Monday through Friday at 3:30 p.m. and on Community holidays, Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m.
 - Any party seeking an exception to the scheduled hearing time should submit an appropriate motion to the assigned judge.
6. The Court will continue to operate during normal business hours and is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding Community holidays. For all hearings, parties and practitioners are expected to participate in-person. Any request to appear telephonically must be filed as soon as practicable before the scheduled hearing and supported by good cause. All requests to appear telephonically are subject to the court's discretion.
 7. Drug Court will remain suspended until further order of the Court. Participants will not suffer adverse consequences as a result of the suspension.
 8. Everyone entering the Court is required to obey the safety protocols posted at each Court entrance. Court staff is authorized to exclude anyone from the Court if they refuse to obey the safety protocols. Refusal to obey a posted safety protocol will not generally constitute good cause for failing to appear for a scheduled hearing or other Court related event or appointment. During court hearings, a judge may authorize removal of a mask or face covering for purposes of witness testimony, identification, or other reason a judge deems appropriate provided that social distancing and other safety measures are in place. After a hearing, in consideration of others, practitioners are requested to sanitize the chairs and tables. Sanitizing wipes will be provided.
 9. **REMINDER:** Practitioners and parties are reminded that all supporting documents that are required by the Code of Ordinances or rules of procedure must be on file with the Court and any court filing fee must be paid before a matter can proceed. Failing to submit required documents and filing fees could result in a hearing being rescheduled or a matter dismissed.

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of July 2021.

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