

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 21-0002**

This Administrative Order is issued to describe operations for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court as it returns to limited in-person hearings and proceedings following the recent Council approved transition back to a modified Phase 2 as communicated in Community Manager's email dated August 20, 2020. The updated guidelines and directive establishes Phase 2.5 of the *SRPMIC Return to work plan*. 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:

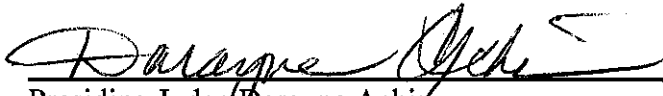
1. This administrative order supersedes all prior administrative orders.
2. Beginning on August 26, 2021, the Community Court is limiting in-person hearings and proceedings consistent with the Community government's social distancing and safety protocols as identified in Phase 2.5 of the *SRPMIC Return to work plan* dated August 20, 2021.
3. All participants in any court hearing or proceeding, including advocates, attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, and other necessary persons may appear telephonically for any scheduled criminal and civil proceeding. Persons detained in the Salt River Department of Corrections may appear by video for any scheduled hearing or proceeding.
4. 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.
5. 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. During Phase 2.5, for all scheduled hearings, it is anticipated that parties and practitioners will participate telephonically. Anyone appearing in-person for a scheduled hearing is subject to and 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 failure to appear for a scheduled hearing or other Court related event or appointment.

6. During a court hearing, 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.
7. After a hearing, in consideration of others, practitioners are requested to sanitize the chairs and tables. Sanitizing wipes will be provided.
8. Drug Court will remain suspended until further order of the Court. Participants will not suffer adverse consequences as a result of the suspension.
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 26th day of August 2021.





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