



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court

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In the Matter of:

RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 22-0002

Over the past two years, in response to the COVID-19 public health threat, several administrative orders have been issued that modified court operations to ensure justice and safety in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Court. On April 13, 2022, SRPMIC Tribal Council rescinded the COVID-19 Emergency Directive and directed that Government service operations transition to Phase 4 of the return to work plan. Accordingly, this administrative order returns the court to operations consistent with SRPMIC Tribal Government.


Therefore, pursuant to Section 4-31a(a)(viii) of the Code of Ordinances, **the Court ORDERS**, as follows:

1. Effective on May 2, 2022, Administrative Order No. 21-0002 is rescinded and replaced with this Administrative Order No. 22-0002 whereby the Community Court is resuming operations consistent with the Community government's safety protocols as identified in Phase 4 – New Normal, *available at* <https://www.srpmic-nsn.gov/covid-19/phaseone/>.
2. 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. Masks are recommended, but not required of persons entering the court building.
3. In any court proceeding, advocates, attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, probation officers, and other necessary persons are required to appear in-person at his or her scheduled proceeding. Judges' orders permitting telephonic appearances that were entered prior to the effective date of this Administrative Order are not affected.
4. Any advocate, attorney, party, victim, witness, juror, probation officer, and other necessary persons to a case must notify the court prior to appearing at the courthouse of any COVID-19 diagnosis, symptoms, or exposure notification by public health authorities and must make alternative arrangements to participate. 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.
5. After a hearing, in consideration of others, practitioners are encouraged to sanitize the chairs and tables. Sanitizing wipes will be provided.
6. Persons detained in the Salt River Department of Corrections (SRDOC) may appear by video for Initial Appearances. In all other criminal proceedings, except for Initial Appearances, persons detained in the SRDOC will be transported for in-person court appearances.

7. On Saturdays, Sundays, and Community holidays, any person required to appear at a Juvenile Detention hearing may appear telephonically and/or by video.
8. Hearings in criminal matters and certain civil and emergency matters are scheduled as follows:
 - Arraignments 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.
9. Drug Court is suspended until further order of the Court. Participants will not suffer adverse consequences as a result of the suspension.
10. Everyone entering the Court building 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.

DATED this 22nd day of April 2022.

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