

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Court  
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**In the Matter of:**

**RESUMPTION OF DRUG COURT and  
RETURN TO IN-PERSON COURT  
APPEARANCES IN ALL HEARING  
TYPES UNLESS EXEMPT OR  
EXCUSED**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 23-0001**

Last year on April 13, 2022, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) Council rescinded the COVID-19 Emergency Directive and directed that Government service operations transition to Phase 4 of the return to work plan. Accordingly, the Court returned to near-normal operations consistent with SRP-MIC Tribal Government, except for resuming Juvenile Drug Court and requiring in-person appearances at juvenile detention hearings on weekends and holidays. The Juvenile Drug Court was suspended due to on-going COVID-19 concerns and, changes in personnel and policy; but has now returned to normal operations.

Also during this period, mandatory in-person court appearances during weekend and holiday juvenile detention hearings were suspended. At this point in time, however, both the SRP-MIC and the Federal Government have ended the COVID-19 public health emergency,<sup>1</sup> and the continued suspension of in-person juvenile detention hearings cannot be sustained in light of this Court's duty to secure the rights of, and ensure fairness to minors, parents and other parties.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4-31a(a)(viii) of the Code of Ordinances, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Effective on Monday, June 5, 2023, Administrative Order No. 22-0002 is rescinded in its entirety and replaced with this Administrative Order No. 23-0001.
2. The Court will operate during business hours and is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Community holidays.
3. In any court proceeding, advocates, attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, probation officers, court personnel, and other necessary persons are required to appear in-person at the scheduled proceeding unless a judge has granted that person's motion for a telephonic appearance prior to the court hearing or is otherwise excused from appearing. Judges' orders permitting telephonic appearances that were entered prior to the effective date of this Administrative Order are not affected.
4. Any motion 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.

<sup>1</sup> On May 11, 2023, the Federal Government ended the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

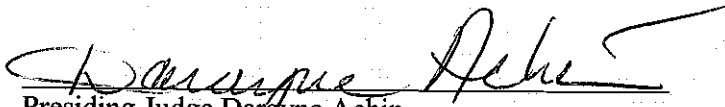
5. Adult persons detained in the Salt River Department of Corrections (SRDOC) may appear by video for Adult Criminal Initial Appearances (IAs). In all other adult criminal proceedings, except IAs, persons detained in the SRDOC will be transported for in-person court appearances.
6. Hearings in adult criminal proceedings are scheduled as follows:
  - Arraignments will take place on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m., excluding Community holidays.
  - 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 a scheduled time for Initial Appearance or Arraignment hearing must submit to the assigned judge an appropriate motion pursuant to the Code.
7. Civil and emergency hearings will be scheduled as follows:

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 be held within 24 hours or as soon as practicable after the petition is filed.
8. Juvenile Detention hearings will take place every day at 10:00 a.m., as needed, including weekends and Community holidays. Any party seeking an exception to the scheduled hearing time should submit an appropriate motion to the assigned judge.
9. Juvenile Drug Court is no longer suspended. Hereafter, Juvenile Drug Court shall be known as Juvenile Wellness Court. Judge Raymond Deer is assigned to the Juvenile Wellness Court.
10. Anyone 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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