

ORO VALLEY MAGISTRATE COURT - M1045  
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IN THE MATTER OF  RESTRICTING PHYSICAL ACCESS TO ORO VALLEY MAGISTRATE COURT FACILITIES DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  2020 – 4  (Supersedes AO 2020-02)
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey declared a statewide public health emergency. Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Brutinel issued Administrative Order No. 2020-75 to address measures to be taken by the Judicial Branch to conduct business in a manner that reduces the risk associated with this public health emergency. Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-75 directs the presiding superior court judge of each county to determine how in-person proceedings are to be conducted in each of the county’s court rooms under conditions that protect the health and safety of participants and the public. The Order allows individual presiding judges to issue orders limiting in-person courtroom contact, following the social distancing recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, and limiting the number of persons present in a courtroom. The Order further sets forth a process Courts in Arizona are to use to return to full operation over time in phases. The Order identifies the present state of the Courts as Phase 0.

This Court issued Administrative Orders 2020-02 and 2020-03 to address the Court’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Administrative Order replaces 2020-02 and addresses only Oro Valley Magistrate Court functions. As a result of increased spread of COVID-19 and pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-75 and Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79:

IT IS ORDERED Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-75 is hereby incorporated by this reference and adopted in its entirety.

IT IS ORDERED that until and through June 1, 2020, with limited exceptions as set forth below, no in-person proceeding will occur in Oro Valley Magistrate Court. The Court will continue to hold telephonic hearings and remain available to process all case types and nonappearance proceedings. Most in-person hearings and events will no longer occur in the court room during the pendency of this Administrative Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attendance at any in-person event held pursuant to one of the limited exceptions below will be limited to parties, witnesses, victims, law enforcement officers testifying in the matter, transportation officers, and attorneys who are participating in the hearing or event. Each judge has discretion to control and limit the number of people in a courtroom and may excuse any person from the courtroom as deemed appropriate or necessary to meet the ends of this Administrative Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person intending to be present at a court proceeding who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, has exposure to COVID-19, or has symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the U.S. Center for Disease Control must contact the Court via telephone or email to arrange to appear telephonically, have their appearance waived, or have the proceeding reset.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons entering the courthouse, including attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, court personnel, and other necessary persons, must notify the court in advance of any COVID-19 diagnosis, symptoms, or exposure notification by public health authorities and to make alternative arrangements to participate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all persons, upon entering Oro Valley Magistrate Court and the buildings on the campus of Oro Valley Magistrate Court, will have their temperature checked upon entering the building. Protocols for the process of allowing entry into the building will be made available at points of entry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons entering the courthouse, including attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, court personnel, and other

necessary persons wear their own or court provided masks or face shields while in the courthouse, and must observe social distancing of six feet.

IT IS ORDERED any in-person appearance may be converted to a telephonic or video appearance by order of the court, unless an in-person appearance is required by statute or the Arizona or United States Constitution.

IT IS ORDERED the following bench-specific hearings may be conducted during the term of this Administrative Order, and that all other matters not listed specifically hereinafter will not be conducted.

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The following essential hearings will be conducted telephonically:

Initial Appearance/Arraignments, Motions to Modify Conditions of Release, all hearings on in-custody defendants, and ex parte protective order hearings.

Hearings in the following non-essential matters may/will be conducted, at the discretion of the Court, and only via telephone (or possibly Approved video conferencing format in the future): pre-trial conferences, review hearings on compliance matters, Diversion Court review hearings, change of plea proceedings, sentencing and disposition hearings.

The Court may at some future date hold evidentiary hearings and other matters, via approved video conferencing format.

Dated: 5/15/2020

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Hon. George A. Dunscomb  
Oro Valley Magistrate