

The Oro Valley Magistrate Court is committed to protecting the rights and welfare of all Oro Valley citizens and others coming to the Court. Thus, the Court will continue to hear urgent and essential matters and provide critical services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To help minimize the spread of COVID-19 and safeguard the health of everyone, please **do not visit the courthouse if you are ill**. Instead, please call **520-229-4780**, and **press “0” to get to a clerk**, or, call your attorney if you have one, so we can reschedule your court appearance.

The Court and its offices are performing mandatory wellness screenings of everyone entering its buildings using no-contact thermometers. Anyone who has symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, the flu, or any respiratory infection, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, or who registers a temperature above 100.4 F (38 C), will not be permitted inside the Court building.

If any of the following conditions apply, please notify Court staff so we can work with you to provide assistance without you having to come into the building, or we can reschedule the date of your court appearance.

- a) You have been out the State of Arizona in the last 14 days; or
- b) You have been in contact with any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19; or
- c) You have any of the symptoms listed above.

Additionally, the Court now requires that **all visitors wear face coverings** (See AO 2020-4). These may be made of fabric or another material such as bandanas, so that it covers the nose and mouth. Face coverings should not completely conceal your identity, so ski masks and similar coverings are not allowed, and Court security may ask you to briefly remove the covering to establish identity.

For any hearings in the Court room, you will be required to wear a mask and asked to wear gloves.

Many non-essential Court hearings are being rescheduled, and other hearings are being held through telephonic or video means, so **please check the status of your case before you travel to the courthouse by calling 520-229-4780, and press “0” to get to a clerk**.

Petitions for protective orders can be completed and filed online by going to <https://azpoint.azcourts.gov> and will be heard telephonically if possible until further notice.

If you do visit our Court, we want to assure you of the measures staff is taking to keep the public safe and healthy. These include: deep-cleaning and disinfecting main public areas and courtrooms, regularly wiping down the bins and belt at security checkpoints, wiping the lobby side of the clerks' windows after each customer, disinfecting high-touch areas, limiting the number of patrons permitted in the lobby, courtroom, and Court offices, and expanding access to legal information, materials, and forms, both online and telephonically.

The courthouse is still open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding federal and state holidays.

If you have concerns or questions, please email us at: [courts@orovalleyaz.gov](mailto:courts@orovalleyaz.gov).

The Court appreciates your patience as we strive to continue to provide the timely, fair, and efficient administration of justice under law during this health crisis.