

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PINAL

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LIMITATION OF JUSTICE COURT)
OPERATIONS DURING A PUBLIC)
HEALTH EMERGENCY (Rescinding)
AO 2020-00026) _____)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona has issued several administrative orders addressing measures to be taken by the Judicial Branch to reduce the risk associated with the public health emergency currently facing Arizona due to the spread of COVID-19. The Administrative Orders direct 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; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice has determined that we have now entered Phase III in the *Standards for Resumption of On-Site Court Operations During a Public Health Emergency*.

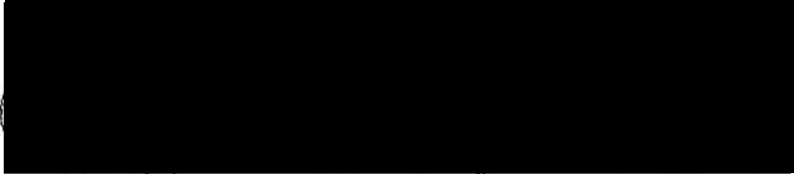
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that each justice court in Pinal County shall abide by the following standards:

- (a) Entryway screening will continue as specified in the *Health Screening Protocols* approved and disseminated by the Arizona Supreme Court.
- (b) On-site staffing should be largely restored. However, this should be based on the current conditions in the community.
- (c) In person courtroom contact should be limited as to comply with current social distancing standards as set by the Center for Disease Control.
- (d) The use of technology should continue, both to maximize public safety and achieve efficiencies in court operations.
- (e) If a court must close unexpectedly due to the pandemic, drop boxes or an alternate way of filing must be provided by the court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each justice court judge shall determine the use of masks or facial coverings for court employees and the public. This should be based on current health conditions and consistent with recommendations from the CDC and/or local health officials.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to any justice court physically closing its doors to the public, the justice court's judge will first confer with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

Dated this 3RD day of February, 2022.



Honorable Joseph R. Georgini
Superior Court Presiding Judge

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