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**Judicial Branch Implements Temporary Measures to Mitigate COVID-19  
Exposure Risk; Cancels New Jury Selection through March 31, 2020**

PHOENIX- To ensure ongoing performance of the Judiciary's constitutional and statutory functions while taking active steps to curb the potential spread of the coronavirus in our community, Presiding Judge Joseph C. Welty today approved the following temporary measures affecting the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County, including the Superior Court and both Adult and Juvenile Probation:

- New juror selection for **ALL** courts in Maricopa County has been halted through the end of March 31, 2020. Persons summoned to appear prior to April 1, 2020 have fulfilled their service and are not subject to another summons for 18 months. The eJuror portal has been updated to reflect this status. This does not affect to those previously selected and empaneled on a jury. Please contact the judicial officer assigned to the case if you are feeling ill or have questions about the status of the trial. Please do not show up to court if you are sick or experiencing symptoms.
- [Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 8](#), related to Speedy Trials, has been suspended through March 31, 2020. No new jury trials will be started during this time. This does not affect ongoing trials. Any delay of those matters will be determined by the trial judge/commissioner.
- The Court is taking measures to provide for remote participation in court proceedings whenever possible. If you are a party or lawyer in an active case, check with your assigned judge. Department Presiding Judges, in conjunction with their respective department administrators, are providing guidance to litigants and court customers on options to participate remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means. Please see attached list of phone numbers for assistance and contact the relevant department directly for guidance. Additional information is being added to the Branch website for each department as it becomes available.
- All non-essential functions have been canceled until further notice, including field trips, court tours, law library workshops, volunteer events, and conferences. Out of state travel for employees has also been suspended, and telecommuting options are being pursued for those whose job responsibilities allow them to work remotely.
- Branch employees have been reminded to be diligent in their personal habits to help combat the potential threat of spreading viruses. Employees experiencing any illness related symptoms, including coughing, sneezing, or a fever, have been asked to stay home. We ask all court customers to heed this advice as well for the safety of others.

All court proceedings will continue, with the implementation of additional safety procedures to protect human health until further notice.

<b>Branch Department</b>	<b>Phone number (Location)</b>
Civil	602-602-506-1497 (Phoenix); 602-506-2021 (Southeast Mesa)
Criminal	602-506-8575
Family	602-506-1561
Probate/Mental Health	602-506-3668
Tax	602-506-3442
Adult Probation	602-506-7249
Juvenile Probation	602-506-4011 (Durango); 602-506-2619 (Southeast Mesa)

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