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Maricopa County Superior Court Announces Transition Plan to Slowly Resume In-Person Operations; Requires Health Screening and Face Masks; Provides for Remote Access to Publicly Available Proceedings

PHOENIX- Effective Monday June 1, 2020, and pursuant to Presiding Judge Joseph C. Welty's [Administrative Order 2020-78](#), the public, staff, and all who enter court buildings in Maricopa County will need to bring and wear a protective face covering and be subject to health screening protocols approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts (view protocols [here](#)). As a matter of public safety, particularly for those with fragile medical conditions, Arizona's courts have been authorized by Chief Justice Brutinel to prohibit entry to any person who refuses to wear a mask or does not meet the screening requirements. Physical access to the court will be permitted no more than 30 minutes prior to a scheduled in-person hearing and continues to be limited to the following:

- parties
- victims
- assigned lawyers to the case
- witnesses
- jurors
- law enforcement officers
- couriers
- persons picking up a signed order
- persons conducting business with the Clerk of Court



Jury operations will gradually begin resuming the week of June 15, 2020. A [short video explaining jury service during the pandemic](#) has been posted to the jury page and an FAQ can be found [here](#). While the court remains vigilant in its effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the public and media may [search for and listen](#) to live audio proceedings of most court events telephonically. Requests by the public or media to appear by telephone at a proceeding not listed on the court's case calendar are being fielded by the Court's Public Information Officers via email at courtpio@JBAZMC.maricopa.gov.

For more information on superior court operations in Maricopa County during the public health emergency, please visit <https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/covid-19/>.

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