

## **Maricopa County Superior Court Guidelines to Reopen**

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Pursuant to Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-79 which provides direction to the Judicial Branch in Arizona on transitioning to resumption of certain operations beginning June 1, 2020, the Arizona Superior Court located in Maricopa County has issued guidelines for reopening in its Administrative Order No. 2020-078. In particular, the Arizona Superior Court located in Maricopa County ordered the following as it pertains to reopening:

- Physical access to all court buildings shall be restricted to attendance at in-person court hearings.
- The Superior Court and all limited jurisdiction courts in Maricopa County will continue to hold hearings via audio and video appearances and remain available to process all case types and non-appearance proceedings.
- Social distancing requirements must be complied with during all in-person proceedings.
- Attendance at in-person hearings in civil trials will be limited to the parties, witnesses, and lawyers.
- Those attending in-person court hearings may not arrive at the courthouse more than thirty minutes prior to the start of the proceeding and must immediately exit upon the conclusion of the hearing.
- All non-judicial staff shall wear a mask or face covering at all times when they are inside the facility.
- The public will be subject to a health screening protocol upon entering a courthouse, including having their body temperature taken.
- Beginning June 15, 2020, jury trials will commence on a limited basis.