



In the Maryvale Justice Court  
In the County of Maricopa, in and for the State of Arizona

In Re: IN THE MATTER OF LIMITING  
COURT OPERATIONS DURING A  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 20-001

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-48 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 concern of the spread of COVID-19. The Administrative Order directs 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.

Therefore, pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-48 and Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2017-79,

IT IS ORDERED that Maryvale Justice Court will conduct in-person court proceedings that protect health and safety, including potentially the following:

- (a) Limiting in-person courtroom contact as much as possible by using available technologies, including alternative means of filing, teleconferencing, video conferencing, and use of email and text messages.
- (b) Following CDC social distancing recommendations, considering the size of the court facility; requiring that courts not schedule multiple, simultaneous hearings in a number that prevents appropriate social distancing, and requiring all scheduled participants to notify the court of any COVID-19 symptoms or suspected exposure and to refrain from coming to the courthouse.
- (c) Limiting any required in-person proceedings to attorneys, parties, victims, witnesses, jurors, court personnel, and other necessary persons, where necessary to maintain the recommended social distancing within a court facility.
- (d) Liberally granting continuances and additional accommodations to parties, witnesses, attorneys, jurors and others with business before the courts who are at high risk of illness from COVID-19.

IT IS ORDERED that wedding ceremonies will be performed on the outside grounds of the Southwest Regional Center for the duration of the Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-48 and during any extension of that Order.

Dated this 20 day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Gastelum".

Andrew Gastelum, Justice of the Peace  
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