

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF WORK FURLOUGH)
AND WORK RELEASE SENTENCING)
ORDERS)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2020-050

Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide public health emergency. This unprecedented public health crisis presents many difficult challenges to the people of Maricopa County. One such challenge is the prevention of the widespread introduction of the virus into the Maricopa County Jail system, where the potential danger of the virus is heightened. One way to reduce that risk is to reduce the number of people in the community coming into contact with the jail population.

Certain defendants sentenced to confinement in the jail participate, per the terms of the court's sentencing order, in a work furlough program or a work release program. Participants in these programs are released into the community for up to twelve hours in a day in order to find or maintain employment or attend school. While in the community the potential exists that these participants could be exposed to COVID-19 and introduce the virus into the jail population. To reduce this risk, the Maricopa County Sherriff's Department believes that it is in the best interest of MCSO staff and the jail population to suspend the work furlough and work release programs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all orders authorizing work furlough and work release programs for currently incarcerated defendants in the Maricopa County Jail are suspended pending possible court modification to these defendants' sentences.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all motions or petitions to modify Superior Court orders of confinement for currently incarcerated defendants who have been ordered to participate in work furlough or work release programs will be heard by the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no further orders of confinement or conditions of probation will include ordering a defendant into a work furlough or work release program until further order of the Court.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2020

/s/ Joseph C. Welty
Hon. Joseph C. Welty
Presiding Judge

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