

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

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE
DETENTION OPERATIONS AND
CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

}
} ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
} No. 2020-063

During the current statewide public health emergency, the Court has made extensive efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. These efforts include actions taken by the Juvenile Probation Department to prevent the widespread introduction of the virus into the juvenile detention facilities where the potential danger of the virus is heightened. The current public health emergency has also resulted in expected anticipated decreases in staffing levels. As of March 23rd, all law enforcement agencies throughout Maricopa County have been strongly encouraged to use alternative intake and screening processes to avoid transportations to detention and allow a juvenile to remain with a parent/guardian until a hearing can be scheduled.

Since that time, there has been a 45% reduction in the number of juveniles housed in the detention facilities. As the number of juveniles housed in detention facilities has declined, the Juvenile Probation Department has taken further steps to most effectively manage operations while minimizing the risks from the virus. As of March 24th, all new intakes are being directed exclusively to the Durango location. As of April 5th, all newly admitted juveniles have been housed and cared for at the Durango facility. Also, as of that date, all newly admitted juveniles have been housed on the intake unit for a period of at least 14-days until authorized by Department medical personnel to be moved to another unit. As of April 20th, all female juveniles have been transferred to the Durango facility.

Given the significant changes that have occurred in the juvenile detention operations, temporary and continued operational efficiencies and consistency will occur through a single detention center operational model.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all juveniles currently housed in the Southeast detention facility are to be transferred and placed in the Durango detention facility on or before May 29, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that until further notice, all juveniles will be admitted and housed at the Durango detention facility.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the single detention center operational model shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2020

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

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