

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESUMPTION OF
NORMAL OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2022-043

(AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NOs. 2021-103, 2021-104, and
2021-105)

On April 1, 2022, the Arizona Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 2022-34, rescinding nearly all of the previous pandemic-related administrative orders that have governed the courts in Arizona for the past 25 months and returning the courts in Arizona to normal operations. The administrative order also requires the presiding judge of each county to assess whether pandemic-related actions taken under the authority granted to them during the public health emergency should similarly be terminated. Currently in Maricopa County, public health statistics demonstrate that the risk of contracting the virus that causes COVID-19 is at its lowest since the pandemic began and, should that occur, the seriousness of symptoms are far less likely to cause hospitalization. In light of these developments, the pandemic-related protocols for the courts in Maricopa County will end on April 8, 2022. While employees and the public remain free to wear a mask as a matter of personal choice, all mask requirements, social distancing requirements, and health screening protocols will end. Other pandemic-related changes to operations will also end, except for those set forth in Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2022-34.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, effective April 8, 2022, Superior Court Administrative Order 2022-019 regarding health and safety protocols is terminated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective April 8, 2022, Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2021-103 regarding Superior Court operations during the public health emergency, Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2021-104 regarding Justice Court operations during the public health emergency, and Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2021-105 regarding Municipal Court operations are terminated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective April 8, 2022, Superior Court policy HR-336, "COVID-19 Response Policies and Procedures," is rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective May 1, 2022, the temporary amendments to the Superior Court's leave policies HR-303(A), HR-305(A), and HR-319(A) are rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Juvenile Probation Department's Detention Operations, in accordance with its infection control standards, will continue to follow secure detention health and safety protocols that consider local community infection levels, applicable CDC guidelines for Detention facilities, and the advice of its Health Services Authority.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2022.

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

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