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Arizona Court of Appeals, Division 2

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Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals Responds to COVID-19.

TUCSON, Ariz. - - Division Two of the Court of Appeals, through its Chief Judge Garye L. Vasquez, and consistent with the mandates of [Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-47](#), responds to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and concerns for the health and safety of attorneys, litigants, other members of the public, as well as the judges and court staff, by modifying certain practices and methods of court operation until further notice.

The court will remain open. The court's staff will continue to serve the public and will, accordingly, remain open during regular business hours as required by law. However, to reduce the number of visitors to the court and avoid in-person contact, the court strongly urges attorneys, litigants and other members of the public to use the court's electronic records system, and to communicate with court staff through email or by telephone. Specific contact information is on the court's website, www.appeals2.az.gov and the telephone number for the clerk's office is 520-628-6954 and the court's staff attorneys is 520-628-6955.

Safety first; please do not visit the court if you are ill. The court is committed to ensuring that public access to the court continues, keeping in mind the serious health concerns. To keep court staff and members of the public safe, the court is asking anyone who feels ill or has any reason to believe the person may have been exposed to the coronavirus, not to come to the court.

Oral Arguments. All arguments before the court will be conducted telephonically and the courtroom will be inaccessible during this time. If the court sets a case for argument, counsel will receive specific instructions on how to telephone the court at the specified time. The audio recording of the court's arguments will continue to be available to the public the day after the arguments by audio streaming, using the link provided on the Argument Calendar page of the court's website.

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Questions. The court urges anyone with questions about court process in light of the current health issues to call the clerk's office.