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### **Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals Update on COVID-19**

TUCSON, AZ. -- 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. 2020-79](#) (May 20, 2020), and the Administrative Office of the Courts adopted Arizona Court Health Screening Protocols for the Public (AOC protocols), responds to **COVID-19** and concerns for the health and safety of members of the public, judges and court personnel, by modifying and updating certain practices and methods of court operation until further notice.

**The court is open.** The court's staff will continue to serve the public and will, accordingly, remain open during regular business hours as required by law.

**Safety first; please do not visit the court if you are ill.** Consistent with Administrative Order No. 2020-79 and AOC protocols, all visitors are required to wear a mask or other face covering and are requested, before coming to this court, to self-screen for any of the following conditions or persistent unexplained symptoms:

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain
- Body temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Sore throat
- Cough

- New loss of taste or smell
- Have had contact with someone who has tested positive for **COVID-19** or symptoms consistent with the **COVID-19** virus during the last 14 days
- Have had a recent **COVID-19** diagnosis or a positive test result

**Do not come to the court if any of these symptoms or conditions applies to you.** You will not be permitted to enter any part of the court if you are experiencing symptom(s) consistent with **COVID-19** or you refuse to undergo screening or to wear a mask or other face covering. Please refer to the court's website for general information and directions for electronic filing. Court staff are available during business hours to assist you by telephone. Do not come to the court for any reason until cessation of symptoms, a diagnosis other than **COVID-19** explains a symptom, or negative **COVID-19** test results no longer indicate **COVID-19** infection under guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Information on **COVID-19** symptoms may be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

**Oral Arguments.** The court will continue to hold telephonic oral arguments until at least July 31, 2020, 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.

Thank you for helping us keep members of the public, our judges, and court staff safe.

**Questions.** The court urges anyone with questions about the court process in light of current health issues to call the clerk's office at (520) 628-6954.