

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

IN RE THE RESUMPTION OF)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
PERSONAL APPEARANCES BY)	
CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS IN COURT)	No. 2021-010
PROCEEDINGS AND PROBATION)	
SUPERVISION)	

Due to the continuing trend towards fewer COVID-19 infections, and the passage of time allowing for availability to the general public of vaccinations for the COVID-19 virus, it is hereby ordered that effective June 7, 2021 that all attorneys, parties, witnesses, jurors, court personnel and other persons necessary to a proceeding in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court shall attend court hearings in person, consistent with pre-COVID practices.

Due to the smaller courtroom capacity of the Justice Court, in person proceedings in that court will commence July 6, 2021.

Effective today's date judges shall set future hearings for in person attendance consistent with the orders above.

Those hearings which already have been set for hearing dates which are after the effective date(s) of this order, and which already have been set for remote appearances, do not have to be re-set for in person appearances.

The judge presiding over any matter may grant a participant leave to appear remotely, pursuant to a request made in advance of the hearing, or may grant the request at the hearing, upon discretion of the court for good cause shown, and the judge on his/her initiative and with notice to the parties may order the participants to appear remotely, if good cause exists for such an order.

Effective immediately persons supervised by adult and juvenile probation officers also are permitted entry consistent with pre-COVID practices, if directed by their supervising probation officer to present themselves at the probation office. Probation supervision should proceed consistent with pre-COVID practices.

Victims may choose whether to attend in person, consistent with pre-COVID practices.

Members of the public who are not participants but wish to observe court proceedings in person remain excluded consistent with existing orders of the Arizona Supreme Court. Persons subject to exclusion are directed to this court's website for information as to public access on YouTube for certain court proceedings. Exceptions may be made by the judge for good cause shown, and with coordination with Court Administration and courthouse security.

For those persons who are permitted entry, the court's security and administrative staff will continue to apply and enforce the current health screening protocols of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Supreme Court of the State of Arizona. Persons failing the screening protocol will be denied entry. Alternative arrangements will be made for those persons denied entry to permit them to attend their court proceeding.

Persons entering the court must wear a facial mask or covering at all times within the courthouse.

CDC social distancing guidelines will be enforced. The number of participants permitted in a courtroom will be monitored and restricted consistent with CDC social distancing guidelines and applicable State law.

This order is subject to revision should there be a change in community health conditions that merit modification.

Administrative Order 2020-010 (Limiting Public Access to the Santa Cruz County Court for Certain Purposes) and Order 2020-011 (In re the Requirement of Electronic Superior Court Filings) remain in effect, *except* that the component of Order 2020-010 prohibiting entry by participants in civil and juvenile traffic hearings is vacated.

Administrative Orders 2020-026 (In re Mandating Remote Court Appearances) and 2020-025 (In re Appearances of Detainees, Defendants and Counsel in In-Custody Criminal Proceedings) are revoked as inconsistent with this order.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2021.

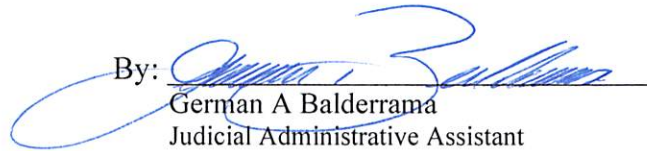


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