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Coolidge Municipal Court

COVID-19 COURT OPERATING PROCEDURES

- ◆ **Masks are required.** You may bring your own or we will provide a disposable mask for you.
- ◆ **Please sanitize your hands upon entering the building at the sanitizing station provided.**
- ◆ **Maintain 6 ft. Social Distancing**
- ◆ **Court room capacity is 10 people.**

- ◆ The court room will be set up utilizing the Center for Disease Control guidelines.

- ◆ Only defendants may attend court. You are not allowed to bring children, spouses, or other family and friends to your scheduled hearing time. Defendants 18 and under may have (1) parent or guardian attend court with you.
- ◆ Please inform the court in advance if you require an interpreter.
- ◆ Court Security will be using temperature scanners to ensure that defendants with temperatures higher than the CDC guidelines are not allowed in court. You will be referred to the Court Clerk for rescheduling.
- ◆ If you are sick or if you have been around someone who is sick in the past 14 days, please call our office immediately to be rescheduled.

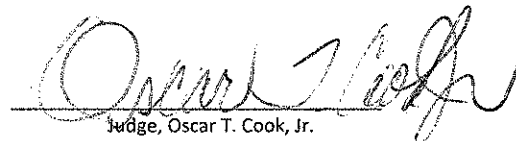
- ◆ Upon defendant's arrival, Security will confirm that their name is on the docket for that time period.
- ◆ Court Security will take the defendant's temperature and ask the following questions:
 - Have you traveled out of the country in the last 14 days?
 - Have you had contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
 - Have you had any of these symptoms in the last 14 days:
 - Fever greater than 100 degrees?
 - Difficulty breathing?
 - Cough?

*Anyone who answers "yes" to any of these questions – or anyone attending court who would be considered high risk defendants, such as elderly persons, persons with respiratory illnesses, or persons with weakened immune systems – will be issued a new court date prior to being allowed into the court room.

- ◆ All court staff will have their temperatures taken and follow the same procedures as defendants attending court.

- ◆ "With regard to everyone who works in a court facility, the operating guidelines shall require isolation of any person with known or suspected COVID-19 and quarantine of any person with COVID-19 exposure likely to result in infection, in accordance with the DPH Seventh Amended Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures."
- ◆ "When there is reason to believe that anyone who works or has visited a court facility has been exposed to COVID-19, DPH or the local health department shall be notified and notification of persons who may have been exposed shall occur as directed by DPH or the local health department."

SO ORDERED THIS 4th DAY OF May, 2021


Judge, Oscar T. Cook, Jr.
Coolidge Municipal Court