

In the Matter of Imposing In-Person	)	AMENDED CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER
Restrictions on Court Operations During	)	No. 20-047
Statewide "Freeze" (Amended)	)	
	)	ORDER IMPOSING IN-PERSON RESTRICTIONS
	)	ON COURT OPERATIONS DURING STATEWIDE
	)	"FREEZE"

This Amended Chief Justice Order (CJO) amends CJO 20-047, issued on November 18, 2020, by making the changes set out below.

I HEREBY MAKE ADDITIONAL FINDINGS 7 AND 8:

7. On November 18, 2020, I issued original CJO 20-047, which imposed additional restrictions on court operations in light of the Governor's statewide "freeze."
8. On November 25, 2020, the Governor announced a new statewide health and safety framework, with four different county risk levels based on each county's level of COVID-19 spread: Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk, and Lower Risk.

I HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Paragraph 2.b. of CJO 20-047 (Original) is superseded by new paragraph 2.b., as set out in paragraph 2 of this order. Other parts of paragraph 2 from CJO 20-047 (Original), denoted below by asterisks (\* \* \*) below, remain in effect.
2. In-Person Proceedings
 

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  - b. Trials that may be held in person
    - (1) Courts may conduct trials for criminal defendants who are subject to ORS 135.746, ORS 136.290, or ORS 136.295, or who have constitutional rights to a speedy trial, where the defendant's statutory or constitutional rights have not been voluntarily waived, including for defendants who have opted for bench trials.
    - (2) A Presiding Judge may authorize scheduling other jury trials to begin on or after March 1, 2021, provided that, as of the date of the scheduled trial, the Governor has approved one or more counties in the judicial district to move to a category other than the Extreme Risk category.
    - (3) A Presiding Judge may authorize conducting jury trials not described in subparagraphs 2.b.(1) or 2.b.(2), but only pursuant to paragraph 3 of CJO 20-047.

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3. This amendment to CJO 20-047 becomes effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further Chief Justice Order.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2021.

  
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 Martha L. Walters  
 Chief Justice