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Clackamas County Circuit Court COVID-19 Update for May 26, 2020

Out of concern for public health and preventing the spread of COVID-19, the Clackamas County Circuit Court has been operating under Level 3 and, soon to be, Level 2 restrictions to greatly reduce the number of people coming into court facilities. The court has been following the Chief Justice Orders issued March 27 and May 15, 2020. The latter [CJO 20-016](#) imposes Level 2 and Level 3 restrictions depending on whether Clackamas County is approved for Phase One reopening by Governor Brown. Clackamas County received said approval last week.

As the court continues to adapt to the changing landscape surrounding COVID-19, more hearings can be conducted remotely, and it can begin offering more services, including remote motions hearings for non-evidentiary issues.

Clackamas County recently issued [PJO 2020-17](#) and [2020-18](#) for Phase One implementing the above CJOs. As more changes are determined we will notify the community, the local bar, and post changes on the court's website: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/clackamas>

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1. Beginning June 1, 2020 and if sufficient staff are available and social distancing requirements are met, bench trials and all other court proceedings except jury trials and FED first appearances and trials may occur.
 2. Beginning July 6, 2020 and if sufficient staff are available and social distancing requirements are met, jury trials in all criminal and civil cases, FED first appearances and FED trials (if no applicable moratorium is in effect) may occur.
 3. When any part of a proceeding is held in-person, the proceeding must comply with social distancing and other safety requirements. Anyone entering the courthouse and jury assembly rooms in the Holman Center are strongly encouraged to wear face masks.

4. Jury trials must be held in the Clackamas County Courthouse which, because of the size of the courtrooms and jury rooms, limits such trials to a maximum of two per day. Two courtrooms must be utilized per jury trial to allow social distancing. In addition, the jury assembly room has a limited number of jurors that can be present and allow social distancing.
 - a. Face masks will be provided to jurors, attorneys and litigants who are unable to bring their own.
 - b. When testifying as a witness or participating in jury selection, individuals shall be asked to lower their masks.
 - c. Security personnel may require anybody entering the courthouse lower their mask as requested for identification or security purposes.

5. Remote appearances are still encouraged. Procedures in that regard may be found in [PJO 2020-15](#).

QUESTIONS?

General questions can be referred to: cla.court.info@ojd.state.or.us