

In the Matter of Closures of Courts)	CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER
and Certain Court Divisions to Enable)	NO. 21-024
System Upgrade and Extending)	
Statutory Time Limitations)	ORDER DIRECTING CLOSURES OF
)	COURTS AND CERTAIN COURT DIVISIONS
)	TO ENABLE SYSTEM UPGRADE AND
)	EXTENDING STATUTORY TIME
)	LIMITATIONS

I issue this ORDER pursuant to my authority under ORS 1.002 and 1.060(3), including an extension of time limitations pursuant to ORS 174.120(2)(c), to ensure the efficient upgrade of the Odyssey case management system as described below.

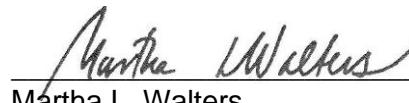
The Odyssey case management system – which is used by all Oregon circuit courts and the Oregon Tax Court – has not had a substantial upgrade since 2014. The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) therefore is scheduling a substantial upgrade for October 2021, to move the courts to an updated version of the system, Odyssey 2018. This is a substantial upgrade and requires that the Odyssey case management system be taken offline. The Odyssey case management system is used in all court operations, including entering and maintaining case records, registers of actions, and documents for Oregon's circuit courts and the Tax Court, and scheduling court proceedings. Oregon's circuit courts and the Tax Court will not be able to operate normally without access to the system. File & Serve will be available during the upgrade, but functionality may be limited. Further, a weekday shutdown is necessary due to the time needed to transfer case data and documents, test the upgraded system, and ensure vendor availability. Oregon eCourt Case Information (OECAI) and the OJD's free Online Records Search will not be available during the upgrade. The upgrade will begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2021, and all systems will be back online by 4:00 a.m. on October 19, 2021.

I therefore ORDER as follows:

1. October 15, 2021, shall be a mandatory closure day, within the meaning of ORS 1.060(3) and ORS 174.120(2), for all circuit courts statewide, the Oregon Tax Court, the Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court, and all divisions within the Office of the State Court Administrator (OSCA), except the Enterprise Technology Services Division (ETSD), which will remain open to execute the upgrade.
2. OJD's Uniform Trial Court Rules Committee meeting, scheduled for October 15, 2021, will proceed as planned.
3. File & Serve users and users of the appellate eFiling system are advised that ETSD will be unavailable to respond to requests for assistance outside of the Odyssey 2018 upgrade during the closure. Appellate eFiling and electronic service will not be affected by the closure, except that the appellate courts will not be processing eFiled documents on the day of the closure.
4. This order documents the effect that the closure described in paragraph 1 has on any statutory time limitation that applies to any filing on October 15, 2021, regardless of the manner of submission.

5. All Supplementary Local Rules and Presiding Judge Orders that implement specific hours of operation on October 15, 2021, that are in conflict with this order are superseded for that date. Provisions of those rules and orders that do not conflict with this order remain in effect.
6. Applicable OJD Personnel Rules apply to addressing alternative work assignments, work hours, and schedules for staff during this closure.
7. This order does not limit the regular work hours, workdays, or judicial activities of state court judges in state court facilities on October 15, 2021, except that closure of circuit court operations cancels the holding of the following court proceedings:
 - a. Those to which the public would have the right to attend;
 - b. Those for which a public recording is required, and
 - c. Those that would require the presence of court staff.
8. Each presiding judge or administrative authority must provide appropriate notice of this closure to the constituency of that court.
9. This order takes effect immediately.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2021.



Martha L. Walters
Chief Justice