

OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT  
Josephine County Circuit Court

Robert S. Bain, Presiding Circuit Judge

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The health and safety of all patrons and employees of the Josephine County Circuit Court is of the utmost importance to the court.

Governor Kate Brown has declared a public health emergency in response to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); Chief Justice Walters has suggested that local Judicial Districts take precautions to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and minimize the further spread of the disease; the Oregon Judicial Department is recommending that Judicial Districts limit the exposure of employees and the public and to consider the overall public safety of both groups.

Public health officials are currently recommending that citizens try and keep a certain physical distance between themselves and others.

In order to protect public health and reduce the size of public gatherings within the Josephine County Courts, **effective March 17, 2020**

- All civil and criminal jury and non-jury trials (excluding in-custody speedy trials) are continued pending further order of the court to a date not prior to March 27, 2020.
- All hearings are continued to a date not prior to March 27, 2020 with the exception of the following: in-custody arraignments, probable cause hearings, probation violation hearings, plea hearings, grand jury proceedings or preliminary hearings on felony indictments, civil commitment hearings, protective custody order hearings, shelter hearings, delinquency in-custody initial appearances, 10-day review hearings and 28/56 day review hearings for in-custody youth; protective order applications; contested protective order hearings; immediate danger motions and hearings, temporary guardianship/conservatorship hearings; treatment court proceedings, as determined necessary by the Presiding Judge.

The court will remain open only for legally required in-person services. We are taking all necessary measures to maintain a safe and sanitary space for all employees and patrons.

In order to protect the public and court staff please utilize the online records and calendaring search tools available here: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/Pages/records-calendars.aspx> to determine the status of your case or upcoming hearings.

The Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) also has a simple and secure way to pay online for many types of court cases and accounts. You can pay by credit or debit card and payments will be posted to your case within one business day.

<https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/Pages/epay.aspx>

As circumstances surrounding this public emergency are changing rapidly, the court will continue to evaluate the situation and adjust as needed for the protection of the public and court staff.

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