



**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
YAMHILL COUNTY**

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MEDIA RELEASE

Yamhill County Circuit Court – Update for March 19, 2020
Response to COVID-19
Implementing Chief Justice Order 20-006

Out of concern for public health and preventing the spread of COVID-19, the Yamhill County Circuit Court is moving to further restricted court operation hours to greatly reduce the number of people coming into court facilities. The courts are following the Chief Justice Order issued March 16, 2020, limiting the court to statutorily required proceedings through March 27, 2020. This order may be extended by the Chief Justice beyond March 27, if determined necessary.

Court Office Hours: Court office operations will be open Monday – Friday, 10 – noon and from 1p.m. to 3p.m.

Court Hearings: All hearings are continued to a date not prior to May 1, 2020 with the exception of the following: in-custody adult criminal hearings including arraignments, probable cause hearings, probation violation hearings and plea hearings; grand jury proceedings, civil commitment hearings, protective custody order hearings, shelter hearings, delinquency in-detention hearings, protective order applications, contested protective order hearings, immediate danger hearings, temporary guardianship/conservatorship hearings and any other hearing as determined necessary by the Presiding Judge (parties will be notified of such designation). All hearings will be conducted remotely by video or telephone conference to the fullest extent possible.

People with hearings that were scheduled within this time frame are encouraged to contact their attorney or utilize the court's online search feature: <https://publicaccess.courts.oregon.gov/PublicAccess/default.aspx>
Other online services include: OJD ePay: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/Pages/epay.aspx>
(to pay online for many types of court cases, citations and accounts) and OJD iForms: <https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/Pages/iforms.aspx>

Court Filings: Parties may continue to file pleadings and other documents. Parties are strongly encouraged to use e-filing to the fullest extent possible. Documents filed electronically that require a judge's signature are being processed in the normal course.

Court Resources: The court offices will remain open only for legally required in-person services with a limited number of staff on-site. For health safety reasons many staff are working remotely. As such, the number of staff available to assist in-person and telephonically is limited. We are taking necessary measures to maintain a safe and sanitary space for all employees and patrons. We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to determine how to provide essential court services safely and effectively.