

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

In the Matter of Implementing CJO	)	PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER NO. 2101-00000
21-009 Imposing Updated Restrictions on	)	
Court Operations During the	)	ORDER RE MODE OF PROCEEDINGS
COVID-19 Pandemic	)	FOR CERTAIN COURT PROCEEDINGS

On March 11, 2021, Oregon Chief Justice Martha Walters issued Chief Justice Order (CJO) 21-009 imposing updated restrictions on court operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Section 2 of CJO 21-009 addresses the mode of conducting certain court proceedings. Among other things, that provision authorizes the Presiding Judge of each judicial district to issue a Presiding Judge Order (PJO) describing the types of court proceedings that may be conducted in person while CJO 21-XXX is in effect.

Accordingly, pursuant to CJO 21-009, I order as follows:

- I. **Proceedings Generally Conducted In Person.** The following types of proceeding generally may be conducted in person:

**A. Criminal Cases**

Proceedings where defendant is in-custody  
Grand Jury proceedings  
Jury trials

**B. Civil Cases**

Jury Trials

**C. Domestic Relations Cases**

The following Family Law motions when presented by individuals appearing in person *ex parte*: immediate danger motions; motions for orders of assistance; motions for order to show cause re: modification of judgment or contempt; motions for alternative service; motions for pre-judgment status quo order; motion for appointment of guardian ad litem for identity change; and other motions approved for presentation in-person by the Chief Family Law Judge.

**D. Juvenile Cases**

Delinquency--adjudications, waiver and dispositional hearings

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**E. Other Cases**

FED *ex parte* hearings  
Small Claims court hearings and trials

- II. Proceedings Generally Conducted by Remote Means.** All other court proceedings will be conducted by remote means (audio and/or video), except that the court may permit or require occasional in-person appearances in the following types of proceedings, as appropriate to meet the needs of the litigants, the court, and/or the community:

**A. Criminal Cases**

Out-of-custody arraignments  
Out-of-custody plea hearings  
Out-of-custody hearings on release conditions, bail, or other pretrial release issues  
Judicial Settlement Conferences  
Substitution/waiver of counsel hearings  
Pre-trial motion hearings  
Probation violation hearings  
Probable cause hearings  
Sentencing hearings  
Restitution hearings  
Civil compromise hearings  
Fitness to proceed hearings  
Case management hearings  
Docket management/call  
Specialty court proceedings  
Bench trials

**B. Civil Cases**

Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) hearings  
Miscellaneous *ex parte* hearings (usually involving at least one self-represented litigant)  
Bench trials

**C. Domestic Relations Cases**

Trial Assignments  
Protective Order applications

**D. Juvenile Cases**

Dependency trials, Termination of Parental Rights trials, and other Domestic Relations, Juvenile, and Probate proceedings where a party's request to appear in person is granted by the Presiding Judge or designate based on the unique circumstances of the case.

**E. Other Cases**

- FED first appearances, motion hearings, & trials
- Traffic court trials
- Parking trials

In any proceeding where in-person appearances are permitted, all judges, staff, and participants must comply with social distancing requirements, protective face covering requirements, and all other safety requirements described in CJO 21-XXX.

This order takes effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified, lifted or extended by further order of the court.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
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Stephen K. Bushong  
Presiding Judge  
Multnomah County Circuit Court