

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CLACKAMAS COUNTY

In the Matter of Order In Person Civil) PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
Commitment Hearings) No. 2023-04
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I HEREBY FIND:

1. State and Federal COVID states of emergency have been lifted.
2. Remote civil commitment proceedings for allegedly mentally ill person (AMIPs) create a concern of procedural fairness that outweighs any inconvenience to the court in having commitment hearings held at the AMIP's hospital or facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. Civil commitment hearings will be held in person without the need for a motion, declaration or order.
2. The court will take steps to ensure that off site civil commitment hearings comply with state constitutional open court requirements, including broadcasting the proceeding by Webex at the courthouse, if necessary, or by providing information about the date, time and location of hearings to the public.
3. This order supersedes PJO 2022-03 (Corrected).

Dated this 27 day of September, 2023.



Michael C. Wetzel
Presiding Judge