



**NEWS RELEASE**  
**Tuesday, June 16**

**Eugene Municipal Court resumes limited services**

Beginning Wednesday, June 17, the Eugene Municipal Court will reopen in a limited capacity. Court staff are rescheduling citations issued during the closure of the court building. The court will see people according to the following schedule:

**June 17 – July 2**

*Note: Only those with court business will be allowed in the building.*

- **8 a.m.:** Court doors open.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Scheduled Violation Arraignments. Those who appear on the date referenced in their citation will be given priority entry.
- **9-11 a.m.:** Walk-ins permitted up to capacity allowed for Phase 2 COVID-19 restrictions.
- **1 p.m.:** Scheduled Misdemeanor Arraignments. Those who appear on the date referenced in their citation will be given priority entry.
- **1:30-3 p.m.:** Walk-ins permitted up to capacity allowed for Phase 2 COVID-19 restrictions.

**July 6**

The court will see individuals by appointment only. All persons cited or otherwise ordered by the court to appear will take priority for entry over most other matters appearing at the courthouse. *No visitors will be allowed in the building.*

**Jury trials**

All non-essential jury trials are currently being scheduled in November 2020 or later. If someone is called to serve as a juror, they should call the number on their summons to confirm their final juror instructions. Jury rooms have been modified to allow for six feet of distancing, face coverings are required, and rooms have been sanitized and are not in use except for essential jury trials.

Effective July 20, the court will resume normal course for processes related to late fees, collections, and license suspensions.

The court has created several ways to resolve citations remotely:

- Payments for parking, violations, and crimes [can be paid online](#).

- Those who believe they qualify for fine reduction or deferral programs may mail, email, or use the court dropbox for a clerk review. This may also be completed using the Municipal Court's online form.
- Those who would like to dispute citations can request a trial to be set via email, mail, or placed in the dropbox outside of the courthouse. The court will respond to the dispute in writing: please make sure there is a correct address in the correspondence. This may also be completed using the Municipal Court's online form.
- Those with pending criminal cases should contact their defense attorney.

### **Court Appointed Attorney Contacts**

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### **Municipal Court COVID-19 limitations and safety precautions for limited reopening**

- The court is limiting the numbers of non-employees in the building to 20 people.
- All in-person appearances are available for public viewing on YouTube Live. All telephonic and virtual appearances will be available for public viewing on YouTube Live and/or Zoom. The information for attendance will be on the court's public website.
- Everyone will wear a face covering in public spaces and in secured areas.
- Everyone will be asked a set of health questions prior to entry at the front door (no temperatures will be taken at the front door).
- Defendants coming to be fingerprinted will be temperature checked prior to fingerprinting.
- Doors will be propped open as much as possible to minimize touching of handles.
- Furniture has been adjusted to accommodate sanitization and proper physical distancing.
- The court will have cleaning services on-site during the day and a full sanitization cleaning each evening.
- The court's new security system is in place. All members of the public must pass through the security station.
- The court has added footprints and other markings throughout the courthouse to provide visual cues for where to sit or wait with appropriate physical distance.

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