

**IN THE SAN LUIS MUNICIPAL COURT,
COUNTY OF YUMA, STATE OF ARIZONA**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION)	
OF PRESUMPTIVE STANDARDS FOR)	NO.: 2022-02
REMOTE AND IN-PERSON HEARINGS)	
FOR THE SAN LUIS MUNICIPAL COURT)	
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In June 2021, the Arizona Supreme Court’s COVID-19 Continuity of Court Operations During a Public Health Emergency Workgroup (Plan B Workgroup) recommended best practices that should be retained or adapted post pandemic, which included a recommendation that courts continue to use and expand technology to conduct remote court proceedings. In January 2022, the workgroup reconvened and issued a report, *Recommended Remote and In-Person Hearings in Arizona State Courts in the Post-Pandemic World* (“Report”).

On March 24, 2022, the Arizona Judicial Council approved adoption of the Report, which includes as Appendix 1 the Plan B Workgroup’s recommendations regarding which hearing types should be held remotely and which should be held in person (“Presumptive Standards”).

On August 3, 2022, the Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 2022-88 (replacing Administrative Order No. 2022-46) adopting the Presumptive Standards as set forth in Appendix 1 of the report. Upon consultation with and approval from the presiding judge of the superior court in Yuma County, pursuant to Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2022-88,

IT IS ORDERED adopting Appendix 1 to this Administrative Order (“the Chart”) as the presumptive manner for holding hearings set on or after October 1, 2022, in the San Luis Municipal Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the In-Person presumption for changes of plea and sentencings do not apply to cases where the court, in its discretion, has permitted a Telephonic Plea or Plea by Mail pursuant to Rule 17.1, Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for any hearing scheduled to be conducted remotely, an individual charged with an offense may elect to attend the hearing in person.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that hearings in the San Luis Municipal Court will be held in the presumptive manner, but a judge may take a hearing-specific deviation from the presumptive manner in which a hearing must be held either on its own motion or motion from a party with good

cause appearing if holding the hearing in the presumptive manner is not practical or otherwise is not in the interest of justice. The court will provide notice to the parties when such a deviation is made.

Dated this 27th day of September 2022.



Hon. Nohemy Echavarria
Magistrate, San Luis Municipal Court

Appendix 1

Recommended Remote and In-Person Hearings in the Post-Pandemic World by Case Type and Hearing Types

Case Type	Hearing Type	Remote	In-Person
Limited Jurisdiction Proceedings Involving Criminal Misdemeanor Charges; under the Rules of Court Procedure for Civil Traffic, Boating, Marijuana and Parking and Standing Violations (CTBMPSV), Orders of Protection, and City Code Violations			
Criminal Misdemeanor			
	Appearance/Arraignment/Initial	X	
	Pre-trial Motion – Non-witness	X	
	Pre-trial/Motion – Witness		X
	Change of Plea/Sentencing		X
	Pre-trial Conference	X	
	Order to Show Cause		X
	Case Management Conference/Trial Preparedness Conference	X	
	Settlement Conference	X	
	Jury Trial		X
	Bench Trial		X
	Probation Violation Arraignment	X	
	Probation Violation Hearing		X
	Probation Violation Disposition		X
	Other – Non-witness	X	
	Other – Witness		X
	Bond Forfeiture	X	
CTBMPSV			
	Arraignment	X	
	Trial/Contested Hearing		X
	Other (including ID Hearings, Parking)	X	
Orders of Protection			
	Ex Parte Hearing	X	
	Contested Order of Protection Hearing	X	
	Other	X	
City Code Violations			
	Appearance/Arraignment/Initial	X	
	Pre-trial Motion – Non-witness	X	
	Pre-trial/Motion – Witness		X
	Change of Plea/Disposition		X
	Pre-trial Conference	X	
	Order to Show Cause		X
	Bench Trial		X