

TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS UPDATE AS OF 1/20/21

SHOULD YOU BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR OR CONDUCT BUSINESS IN COURT, THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ENFORCED.

- a) All persons who enter the court to conduct business or appear for a hearing, shall be required to wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided for you.**
- b) Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility located by the door.**
- c) All persons will be required to pass a temperature screening. Persons with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will not be allowed to enter the court facilities.**
- d) Persons will not be allowed to enter if any of the following is true:**
 - You are currently positive with COVID-19**
 - You've been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days**
 - You've traveled in the last month to a restricted area that is under a Level 2, 3, or 4 Travel Advisory according to the U.S. State Department (including China, Italy, Iran, and most of Europe); AND**
 - You are currently experiencing/displaying, and you have not in the last 14 days experienced or displayed, any of the following symptoms: elevated temperature or fever of 100.4 F or higher, cough, shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing, new loss of smell and/or taste, chills, muscle pain, or sore throat**
- e) All persons will be required to maintain the required social distance of six feet apart and will follow the instructions of the bailiff or court staff in standing or seating arrangements in the court facility.**
- f) The Court will limit the amount of people in the courtroom and/or the court lobby. Persons may be required to wait outside the courthouse until called in. Due to capacity limitations, the Court may only allow those who are parties to a case to be present during scheduled hearings. Please do not bring children or additional persons who are not testifying as no persons will be allowed to remain in the court lobby and wait, unless you are a DV Advocate.**
- g) All filings and documents will be submitted electronically at YNCourtClerk@yakama.com unless by appointment with the Clerk.**
- h) All filing fees can be made by presenting a check or money order.**
- i) TRAFFIC FINES shall be paid by Money Order payable to: Yakama Nation Tribal Courts. Mail to:
YN Central Accounting PO Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98951**
- j) Video Conference Hearings is encouraged whenever possible.**

CRIMINAL COURT SCHEDULING

NOTE: Cases that were scheduled prior to this Update may differ from the new schedule.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
8:00	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR		
8:30							
9:00							
9:30							
10:00	Pre-trial Hearings		CLOSED		Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)	CLOSED	Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)
10:30	Review Hearings				Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)		Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)
11:00	Show Cause Hearings (4-5 Max Total)				Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)		Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)
11:30	Show Cause Hearings (4-5 Max Total)				Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)		Trials (non-jury) (4 Max Total)
LUNCH			CLOSED			CLOSED	
1:00							
1:30	Arraignments	Arraignments		CLOSED	Arraignments		
2:00	Bail Hearings	Bail Hearings			Bail Hearings		
2:30	Other (as approved by Court)	Other (as approved by Court)	Other (as approved by Court)				
3:00	Other (as approved by Court)	Other (as approved by Court)	Other (as approved by Court)				
3:30	Pre-trial Hearings	CLOSED	Pre-trial Hearings	CLOSED	CLOSED		
4:00	Review Hearings		Review Hearings				
4:30	Show Cause Hearings		Show Cause Hearings				
5:00	Show Cause Hearings (4 Max Total)		Show Cause Hearings (4 Max Total)				

If you are released from custody/detention prior to your scheduled arraignment hearing, you may appear in person. You are required to appear for all scheduled court hearings, otherwise the court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

Telephonic appearances are not allowed for defendants or witnesses in criminal trials. You must be able to appear/participate by video or in person so the court can identify you. The information for video conference hearings is posted on the Court door.

VICTIMS/WITNESSES who are required to testify in criminal trials will not receive a written notice from the court. You must maintain contact with Rebecca Mills with the YN Prosecutor's Office for trial dates at (509) 865-5121 Ext 6046 or by email at Rebecca_Mills@yakama.com

All jury trials shall be suspended until further notice. Call Monica Jackson at (509) 865-5121 Ext. 4555 or email YNCourtClerk@yakama.com to make any updates to your mailing address. Updating your address is your responsibility. Failure to appear for a scheduled hearing may result in a warrant for your arrest.

Call Rhonda Strong at (509) 865-5121 Ext 4829 for Bail Refund Applications and Checklist.

CIVIL COURT SCHEDULING

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR
8:30					
9:00					
9:30					
10:00	YNCE (2 Max Total) Emergency Hearings	CLOSED	Custody Guardianship, Paternity Divorce (3 Max Total)	CLOSED	Probate (If none, other Civil Cases) (2-3 Max Total)
10:30					
11:00					
11:30					
LUNCH		CLOSED		CLOSED	
1:00					
1:30	Paternity Hearings (5 Max Total)	CLOSED	Custody Guardianship Other Civil Cases (4 Max Total)	CLOSED	Emergency Ex Parte Hearings, including Custody, Guardianship, TRO's
2:00					
2:30					
3:00					
3:30	Emergency Ex Parte Hearings, including Custody, Guardianship, TRO's	CLOSED	Emergency Ex Parte Hearings, including Custody, Guardianship, TRO's	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR
4:00					
4:30					
5:00					

Emergency Custody & Guardianship Hearings are scheduled at the discretion of the assigned judge. The assigned judge determines whether a true emergency exists.

Call (509) 865-5121 Ext. 4582 (Jennifer Manuel), Ext. 4581 (Crystal Whitefoot) or email YNCourtClerk@yakama.com to make any updates to your mailing address. Updating your address is your responsibility. This will ensure you receive proper notice for your next hearing.

All jury trials shall be suspended until further notice.

CHILDREN'S COURT SCHEDULING

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR	CLOSED	KEEP OPEN & CLEAR
10:00	Delinquency Truancy (2-3 Max Total)		Dependency: *Guardianships (priority) Case Planning Permanency Planning (4 Max Total)		Dependency: *Guardianships (priority) Case Planning Permanency Planning (4 Max Total)
10:30					
11:00					
11:30					
LUNCH					
1:00		CLOSED		CLOSED	
1:30	<u>Emergency Hearings:</u> Shelter Care Detention Other (as approved by Court)	<u>Emergency Hearings:</u> Shelter Care Detention Other (as approved by Court)	<u>Emergency Hearings:</u> Shelter Care Detention Other (as approved by Court)		
2:00					
2:30					
3:00	Dependency Fact Findings (2 max)	CLOSED	Dependency: Guardianships (priority) Case Planning *Permanency Planning (4 Max Total)	CLOSED	
3:30					
4:00					
4:30					
5:00					

Call (509) 865-5121 Ext. 6383 (Rose Sampson) Ext. 4583 (Evelyn Wyena) or email YNCourtClerk@yakama.com to make any updates to your mailing address. Updating your address is your responsibility. This will ensure you receive proper notice for your next hearing.