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## **TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS UPDATE (1/14/22 – 1/28/22)**

**THE YAKAMA NATION ORDERED A PARTIAL CLOSURE IN RESOLUTION T-047-22. IN RESPONSE, THE TRIBAL COURTS WILL BE LIMITING HEARINGS TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED CRIMINAL AND CIVIL HEARINGS ARE BEING RESET.**

**BECAUSE OF LIMITED COURT STAFF, OUR ABILITY TO ANSWER CALLS AND MANAGE THE FRONT DOORS ARE CONSTRAINED. NOTICES OF RESCHEDULED COURT DATES FOR ALL SCHEDULED HEARINGS WILL BE MAILED OUT AT A LATER DATE. PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE AN UPDATED MAILING ADDRESS IN YOUR FILE.**

**UNLESS YOUR CASE HEARING FITS ANY OF THE TYPES OF "PRIORITY CASES" AS IDENTIFIED BELOW, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY COURT NOTICE OF HEARINGS YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL.**

**CURRENTLY THE COURT IS ONLY SCHEDULING AND HOLDING VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARINGS. NO IN-PERSON HEARINGS OR FILINGS WILL BE ALLOWED. WE WILL ONLY BE HEARING THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF "PRIORITY CASES":**

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### **PRIORITY CASES:**

**Criminal Arraignments OR Presentation of an Agreed Order for persons held in custody/detention:** Hearings will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at **11:00 a.m.** If you are released from custody-detention prior to your scheduled hearing, you will be provided with a new appearance date. You are responsible for providing your current mailing address prior to or no later than the day you were cited to appear in court. **If you do not provide an updated address, the Court may still issue a warrant for your arrest for failure to appear at your new court date if notice is sent to the address we currently have on file or which appears on your ticket.**

### **JURY TRIALS REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Victims/witnesses** must maintain contact with Rebecca Mills with the YN Prosecutor's Office for new trial dates at (509)865-5121 Ext 6046 or by email at [Rebecca\\_Mills@yakama.com](mailto:Rebecca_Mills@yakama.com)

**BAIL REFUNDS:** Contact Rhonda Strong at (509) 865-5121 Ext 4829 or [Rhonda\\_Strong@yakama.com](mailto:Rhonda_Strong@yakama.com) for an application and checklist. All requests must be completed electronically through email.

Webex login info:

[https://yakama.webex.com/meet/criminal\\_court](https://yakama.webex.com/meet/criminal_court)

**Emergency Shelter Care Hearings:** Hearings will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at **8:30 a.m.**

Webex login info:

[https://yakama.webex.com/meet/children\\_court](https://yakama.webex.com/meet/children_court)

**Youth Detention Hearings for person's In-Custody:** Hearings will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at **8:30 a.m.** or immediately after any shelter care hearings.

Webex login info:

[https://yakama.webex.com/meet/children\\_court](https://yakama.webex.com/meet/children_court)

**Emergency Custody & Guardianships:** Requests for an emergency custody may be filed electronically and will be considered on a case-by-case basis from the documents filed. **If your filings are incomplete, your emergency request may be denied.** A video hearing may be set at the request of the parties and discretion of the judge and availability of staff.

### **ELECTRONIC FILINGS FOR EMERGENCY HEARINGS**

As mentioned, the Court is not opened to the public and is not accepting in-person filings. However, we will accept electronic filings for civil emergency hearings on any day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

Please email or call (509) 865-5121 Extensions 4151, 4676, 4555 or 4582 to request the form to be emailed to you Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:00-12:00. Once you receive the form, fill it out, and sign. Then email your emergency filing to: [YNCourtClerk@yakama.com](mailto:YNCourtClerk@yakama.com)

Webex login info:

[https://yakama.webex.com/meet/civil\\_court](https://yakama.webex.com/meet/civil_court)

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**CALCULATION OF TIME:** The Court will use General Order AO-22-01 to calculate time for all electronically filed documents.

### **IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY**

**If you have an emergency and need to report child abuse or neglect, please call:**

- **911 or,**
- **Tribal Police Dispatch at (509) 865-2933 or,**
- **Child Protective Services (CPS) Hotline at 1-866-363-4276 (1-800-624-6168 TTY call).**