



## **TRIBAL COURT OPERATIONS UPDATE (1/31/22 – 2/11/22)**

**THE YAKAMA NATION ORDERED AN EXTENSION FOR A PARTIAL CLOSURE IN RESOLUTION T-049-22. IN RESPONSE WE WILL ONLY CONDUCT VIDEO HEARINGS AND ACCEPT ELECTRONIC FILINGS.**

**HEARINGS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:**

### **CRIMINAL COURT:**

**WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ARRAIGNMENTS, ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED HEARINGS WILL BE RESET. PLEASE DISREGARD ANY COURT NOTICES YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL DURING THE TWO WEEK TIME PERIOD. YOU WILL RECEIVE A NEW NOTICE IN THE MAIL.**

**CRIMINAL ARRAIGNMENTS OR PRESENTATION OF AN AGREED ORDER FOR PERSONS HELD IN CUSTODY/DETENTION:** Hearings will be held **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** at **1:30 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)

### **CIVIL COURT:**

**(Civil cases include: Custody, Guardianship, Probate, Paternity, and Restraining Orders)**

**ALL CASES WILL REMAIN ON THE DOCKETS AS SCHEDULED AND WILL GO FORWARD IF ALL OF THE PARTIES WHO WERE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN THE CASE ARE ABLE TO APPEAR BY VIDEO/WEBEX. IN-PERSON HEARINGS ARE PROHIBITED.**



The Court will open the video conference line 5 minutes prior to each scheduled hearing. If **all** persons who were summoned are ready to proceed at the scheduled time, the Court may go forward. Otherwise, if any one person(s) fails to appear, the Court will automatically reset the case for a hearing at a later date. A new court notice will be mailed to all parties.

### **Webex login info:**

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

### **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)

### **CHILDREN'S COURT:**

(Dependency, Youth Detention, Youth-at-risk, Delinquency, Truancy)

**ALL CASES WILL REMAIN ON THE DOCKETS AS SCHEDULED AND WILL GO FORWARD IF ALL OF THE PARTIES WHO WERE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN THE CASE ARE ABLE TO APPEAR BY VIDEO/WEBEX. IN-PERSON HEARINGS ARE PROHIBITED.**

The Court will open the video conference line 5 minutes prior to each scheduled hearing. If **all** persons who were summoned are ready to proceed at the scheduled time, the Court may go forward. Due to the sensitivity of Children's Court cases, the Court may use its judicial discretion to proceed if any one person(s) fails to appear.

### **Webex login info:**

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

### **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).**