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El Paso Municipal Court Cancellations Action to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the El Paso Municipal Court will cancel and automatically reset hearings scheduled through Friday, April 3, at 810 E. Overland (notices will be mailed out once a new hearing is set).

The Court encourages people not to come to court if they have traveled internationally, have come in contact with a person with COVID-19, believe they may have COVID-19, are experiencing symptoms similar to COVID-19 or have flulike symptoms or a fever.

Residents are urged to call or email the court to reschedule a hearing. The Court also encourages attorneys who know that clients, witnesses, or others have such a condition to alert the court in advance.

The following will be in effect at the court through Friday, April 3:

- **No Jury Trials** scheduled for March 26 and 27. Jurors do not appear and are excused.
- Northeast Hearings at 9600 Dyer remain in session. Individuals are encouraged to utilize video arraignment option at 10780-A Pebble Hills, 4801 Osborne or 9011 Escobar to speak with the judge.
- **Parking Adjudication Hearings** at 810 E. Overland are remain in session. Scheduled individuals are expected to appear.
- All Municipal Court activities to include Juvenile Case Management Classes, Youth Delinquency Prevention Classes, and Teen Court will be suspended in March and April.

The following options are available to stay up to date with the El Paso Municipal Court:

- By phone (915) 212-0215
- Online chat & website: <u>http://www.elpasotexas.gov/municipal-courts</u>
- Pay Online: <u>www.citepayusa.com</u>
- Pay by Phone: (915) 212-0232
- Email: <u>defendants@elpasotexas.gov</u>

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