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# Municipal Court to Resume In-person Services with COVID-19 Guidelines

**EL PASO, Texas** – Municipal Court will resume in-person services starting Monday, December 14 with COVID-19 safety measures in place to protect visitors and employees.

All Municipal Court locations will open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., while the facility at 9600 Dyer will open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All Court locations will provide the following services:

- Acceptance of Payments and payment plan requests
- Paperwork submission
- Requesting driving safety course by right
- Video arraignment hearings (except 4801 Osborne and 810 E Overland)
- Parking Hearing requests (at 810 E Overland by appointment only).

The Court will follow all COVID-19 recommendations to include mandatory face coverings, physical distancing, temperature checks and 50 percent occupancy.

Contactless payments can be made [online](#), by mail, phone at (915) 212-0232 or through a drop box at all Court locations. Due dates for payment plans, community service and driver safety paperwork have been extended until January 4, 2021.

## Arraignment Hearings

Arraignment hearings are available virtually upon request or in-person appearance at any bond office (except 4801 Osborne and 810 E. Overland). A virtual hearing can be requested by sending an e-mail that includes the person's Full Name, Date of Birth, Citation Number and Telephone Number to [arr-previrtualhearing@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:arr-previrtualhearing@elpasotexas.gov) at least one (1) business day prior to the hearing.

Arraignment hearing dates are listed on the traffic citation and the court session will be held between 7 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. An e-mail response will be provided with a Microsoft Teams link needed to attend the virtual hearing. The following requirements are needed to participate in a virtual hearing:

- Computer/laptop, phone, or tablet with a camera, microphone, and speakers
- Microsoft Teams application must be downloaded (app is free)

For more information, visit Municipal Court at [www.elpasotexas.gov/municipal-courts](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/municipal-courts), or call (915) 212-0215.

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