

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY)	REVISED
RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
CREATED BY COVID-19)	NO. 20-05

WHEREAS, the public health emergency in Washington State posed by COVID-19 continues to evolve and requires modification of prior ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS 21-1, 20-2, 20-3 AND 20-4; and

WHEREAS, the court has in mind the factual record of these ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS and incorporates the same by reference and adds to this record the following:

1. On May 29th, 2020, Washington Supreme Court Chief Debra Stevens entered Order No. 25700-B-626, revising prior orders of the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective August 26th, 2020 UNTIL THIS ORDER IS MODIFIED OR RESCINDED, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. CIVIL CASES: All civil cases, including Small Claims and Name Change hearings, shall be heard at their regularly scheduled dates and times.
2. INFRACTIONS: Contested infraction hearings shall be heard at their regularly scheduled dates and times. Notices for contested hearings will include the form to contest by mail or email. Mitigated infraction hearings may be held by mail, email or telephonically or shall be heard at their regularly scheduled dates and times. Notices for mitigation hearings will include the form to mitigate by mail or email.
3. CLERKS OFFICE: The front counter will be open to the public during its regularly scheduled hours of operation. All parties are encouraged to make payments by mail, by phone, on-line or by deposit into the drop box located outside the courthouse. It is encouraged that civil filings be e-filed or mailed to the court; the Clerk will continue to accept filings and provide copies of documents by mail or email. Payments, filings and receipt of copies may be done in person when the front counter is open.
4. JURY TRIALS: Criminal and civil jury trials will be held at their regularly scheduled dates and times.
5. CRIMINAL PRETRIALS: All criminal pretrial hearings will be heard at their regularly scheduled dates and times in person, via video or telephonically.

6. INITIAL APPEARANCES / ARRAIGNMENTS: All arraignments including DUI/Physical Control, Domestic Violence initial appearances/arraignments will continue as scheduled in person, via video or telephonically.
7. IN-CUSTODY HEARINGS: In-custody hearings for defendants who are held in jail will continue as scheduled by video and/or audio appearance.
8. BENCH WARRANTS: Bench warrants may continue to be issued by the court for violations of conditions of release from this point forward. Bench Warrants for failure to appear in person for court hearings or pretrial supervision meetings shall not issue unless the court determines that it is necessary to do so for the immediate preservation of public or individual safety.
9. TIME FOR TRIAL: With regard to all criminal matters, the time period of the continuances and resets implemented by this Administrative Order will be excluded under CrRLJ 3.3 Time for Trial Rule.
10. CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS: Petitions for Protection Order hearings will proceed at their regularly scheduled dates and times -- including without limitation, domestic violence, anti-harassment, sexual assault, stalking or any other type of order.* Such hearings may be conducted by video or audio appearance.
11. OTHER CIVIL MATTERS: Matters relating to the impound of motor vehicle(s) or animals may be scheduled at their regularly scheduled dates and times.
12. GOOD CAUSE REQUESTS: Written good cause requests regarding fines, fees, costs and quashing warrants may be submitted via written request by mail, on-line or by deposit into the drop box located outside the courthouse.
13. PARTY SIGNATURES: The Court will not require any defendant's signature on court orders. It shall be noted and docketed how the party received notice and a copy of the applicable order. If a party is represented, counsel shall be responsible for delivering court orders and documents to the party and documents to the court for filing.
14. PROBATION AND PRETRIAL SUPERVISION: All defendants required to check in with Probation shall do so by telephone, *or in person* although Probation Officers may continue to see defendants individually in person pursuant to any schedule the Probation Officer sets. Show cause hearings for active probation / monitoring will continue to be filed and scheduled both in person and to be heard telephonically.
15. GENERAL: For all hearings currently pending and for hearings on new cases filed during the pendency of this order that are delayed by effect of this or prior orders, the delay/continuance shall constitute an excluded period for purposes of Speedy Trial, CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, IRLJ 2.2, IRLJ 2.4, IRLJ 2.6, and any other applicable court rule.
16. GENERAL HYGIENE PRACTICES: All persons entering the District Court shall wear masks and are encouraged, and may be required by Court Security or the Clerks, to use hand sanitizer immediately before entering the courtroom. All individuals who enter the courtroom shall practice the six-foot social distancing recommendation of public health authorities.

Franklin County District Court remains open as described and limited in the order.

This Order may be modified consistent with the Court's continual assessment of the needs of the community as well as the recommendations of public health officials.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald F. Roach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Judge Gerald F. "Jerry" Roach