

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

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IN RE THE GRANT COUNT DISTRICT  
COURT AND THE PANDEMIC  
OUTBREAK OF THE CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE (COVID 19)

March 16, 2020

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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This Administrative Order is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). It is effective IMMEDIATELY.

The Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602 granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency. The court is committed to protecting the health, safety, and security of our community as well as protecting the constitutional rights of the accused.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED:

The following **CIVIL** hearings are suspended until April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Court will mail notice of a new court date to any party currently scheduled for court prior to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

1. Infraction. (IRLJ 2.6(a)(b)(d)(e)(f) shall be suspended. The Court WILL continue to accept written statements submitted by mail pursuant to IRLJ 2.6(c).
2. Small claims.
3. Name Changes.
4. Civil preliminary trial hearings, motion hearings, and trials.
5. The court WILL continue to hear Anti-Harassment, No-Contact hearings, and impound hearings.

The following **CRIMINAL** hearings are suspended until April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Court will mail notice of a new court date to any party currently scheduled for court prior to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. All Time for Trial Rules in CrRLJ 3.3 and CrRLJ 4.1 are suspended.

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1. Arraignments where the defendant is not held in custody. This DOES NOT include individuals who are arrested and released and are instructed to appear on the following business day.
2. Pre-trial and Motion Dockets. The Court will continue to hear in-custody matters on the Wednesday Jail docket as scheduled.
3. Criminal Trials.
4. Reviews and Probation Hearings.

The District Court Office will remain open during regular business hours 8:30 to 4:30 and will continue to address Ex-Parte Motions on any subject under its jurisdiction. If you have any questions, please call (509)754-2011 ext 3101.

March 16, 2020  
Date

  
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Janis Whitener-Moberg  
District Court Judge, Presiding