

**In the Montesano Municipal Court Before Christopher C. Bates,
Grays Harbor County, State of Washington**

**IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH**

GENERAL ORDER 2020-1

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Pursuant to General Rule (GR) 21 (a), the Judge of this court has issued this emergency order on this date in response to the public health emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID 19), which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020, and which was the subject of a proclamation by the Governor of Washington State that a state of emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington on February 29, 2020, and which affects the operations of the Montesano Municipal Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. All hearings, other than arraignments and preliminary appearances, including pretrial conferences, motions, and compliance review hearings, scheduled for March 24, 2020, and April 14th, 2020, and the jury trial scheduled for April 15, 2020, shall be rescheduled to April 28, 2020, jury trial will be stricken and the case set for pretrial conference on April 28, 2020.

2. As to such continuances, the court finds good cause, pursuant to CrRLJ3.3(f), and that
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the continuances are required in the administration of justice. Such continuances will not prejudice any defendant in the presentation of his or her defense. Each case will, in addition to this order, be addressed on a case by case basis.

3. The time periods of the continuances set forth in this General Order are excluded periods for the purposes of computing time for trial, pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020.



Christopher C. Bates, Judge
Montesano Municipal Court

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