

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF
THE RESPONSE BY THE COURT TO PUBLIC) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
HEALTH EMERGENCY COVID-19)
) NO. JS04-2020
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WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) has now reached worldwide pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, people within Washington State and Jefferson County have been diagnosed with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, 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;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court entered Order No. 25700-B-607 on March 20, 2020 which directs statewide response by Washington State courts to COVID-19 public health emergency and entered a Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operation under Order No. 25700-B-615;

WHEREAS, Washington Governor Jay Inslee has declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and local public health officials have declared that the COVID-19 virus will continue to spread; and

WHEREAS. This order supersedes Administrative Order JS03-2020 entered by this Court on March 20, 2020;

WHEREAS, the significant number of identified and projected cases of the disease in Washington, the severity of the risk posed to the public, the recommendations of Health Department, and the authority granted by Order No. 25700-B-602, the current situation demands immediate action by the Courts.

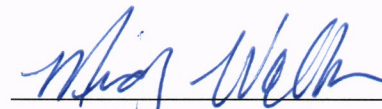
NOW, THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 15, 2020, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This Court adopts by reference the Supreme Court of Washington Order No. 25700-B-615.
2. The Judge will accept signed agreed orders of continuance off record for all cases. Also, the court will allow appearances by phone by any party.
3. Review hearings set to determine compliance with any **order issued to surrender weapons**, including orders issued in either criminal or civil cases, will continue as normally scheduled even if an underlying criminal case is being rescheduled to a later date.
4. **INFRACTIONS:** All currently scheduled in-person infraction hearings will be continued for 90 days. This court finds good cause pursuant to IRLJ 6.1. Anyone with a pending infraction will continue to have the option to submit written hearing request on line or by mail. Anyone who receives an infraction is still required to respond to the notice of infraction within fifteen (15) days for the date the notice is personally served or, if the notice is served by mail, within eighteen (18) days of the date the notice is mailed. Respondents can continue to respond by mail or by submitting a written hearings request online within the time frame required.
5. **SMALL CLAIMS:** All small claims mediation hearings and trials are continued to a date after May 4, 2020. Parties are encouraged to contact the court for the new date.
6. **NAME CHANGE:** All name change hearings are continued unless a written request to the judge is presented explaining the emergent need for a name change. Upon a judicial determination of an emergent need, the clerk will set a hearing which may be accomplished via a telephonic hearing.
7. **CIVIL HEARINGS:** Ex parte matters will continue to be processed.
8. **CIVIL PETITIONS FOR PROTECTION ORDERS:** These hearings will proceed as currently scheduled-including without limitation, domestic violence, anti-harassment, sexual assault, stalking or any other type of order. New petitions for such orders will be scheduled according to the temporarily amended RCW's as outlined in the Proclamation by the Governor Amending Proclamation 20-05, 20-45 Protection Orders and Personal Service.
9. **PROBATION and PRE-TRIAL MONITORING:** The court is suspending all in-person check-ins. Defendants who are required to check in with probation in-person will now be required to check in by phone at 12:00p.m. on the day listed on their conditions of release or

as directed by probation. Probation staff will be providing notice of this change. With the exception of DUI, physical control, assault in the 4th degree and DV cases, all probation violations and motions to revoke shall be heard at date after May 4, 2020 set by the court and a summons will issue. With cases involving DUI, physical control, assault in the 4th degree and DV cases, a summons will issue unless the Court makes a finding that the violation poses a serious threat to public safety. All scheduled compliance review hearings will be continued until a date after May 4, 2020.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT: Hearings shall resume on April 21, 2020 at 10:30 via Zoom, GoToMeeting or another virtual meeting platform. Hearings shall continue to be remote through May 6, 2020 unless further order of the court. Participants are to check in weekly with court staff by phone unless otherwise directed.
11. Litigants and attorneys who feel sick should not enter Jefferson County Courthouse. Anyone deemed by the Court or staff to exhibit illness symptoms may be ordered to leave the building.
12. This Order shall be reviewed prior to May 4, 2020, in light of the public health emergency as it may then exist.
13. Electronic signatures are authorized as outlined in the Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-615. In accordance with that Order, this Court waives the provisions of GR 30 (d) that require (1) the issuance of a user ID and password to electronically file documents with the court or clerk; (2) that a party who has filed electronically or has provided the clerk with their email address must give consent to accept electronic transmissions from the court.

DATE this 15 day of April, 2020.



MINDY WALKER

District Court Judge