



5. On 03/16/20, the City of Kent closed all city buildings until further notice necessitating further order from this Court.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, with the exceptions set forth below, all currently scheduled court hearings will be postponed and rescheduled by the Court to a future date to be determined. Additionally, in accordance with the City's directive, and in the interest of the public health and safety, the Court will be closed to the public until further notice. This Court has reviewed the public health orders and the necessity of closing the Court and specifically finds that the public health concerns outweigh the right to public access under Boneclub during this emergency for any hearings conducted.

Exceptions include:

- a) By mail traffic infraction cases;
- b) All in-custody matters;
- c) Any hearing set upon judicial determination of an emergent need.

For all cases currently pending and for new cases filed during the pendency of this order, the delay/continuance of cases shall constitute an excluded period and/or be subject to this Court's now standing order suspending court rules for speedy trial purposes, which includes but not limited to, CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, IRLJ 2.2, IRLJ 2.4, IRLJ 2.6, and any other applicable court rule.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that notices for future dates for all cases delayed by this order will be mailed to the parties via U.S. mail. Any party needing to update their mailing address should contact the court at (253) 856-5730.

The courthouse will be closed to the public until further notice. The public is encouraged to contact the Court by phone or email.

This order may be modified as circumstances change.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Michael Frans  
Presiding Judge  
Kent Municipal Court