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**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF KENT  
KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN RE MATTER OF EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE TO THE THREAT TO  
PUBLIC HEALTH.

) EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE  
) ORDER NO. 2020-01  
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**THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF KENT AND KING COUNTY:**

1. On 02/29/20, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).
2. On 03/04/20, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington Courts to adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency.
3. On 03/11/20, the Governor imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 250 people within King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and the increasing danger the virus presents to the health care system in the region. The Health Officer for Public Health-Seattle and King County issued similar orders.
4. All divisions of the King County District Court and other area Municipal Courts have implemented orders and procedures limiting court operations in effort to further minimize the risk and danger associated with the spread of COVID-19 and the Kent Municipal will do the same.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that effective Monday, March 16, 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.

Exceptions include:

- a) By mail traffic infraction cases;
- b) All in-custody matters;
- c) All petitions for Protection Orders;
- d) Reviews hearings scheduled to determine compliance with orders to surrender weapons or install ignition interlock device;
- e) 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 remain open, however, the public is encouraged to contact the Court by phone or email.

This order may be modified as circumstances change.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Michael Frans  
Presiding Judge  
Kent Municipal Court