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DEPARTMENT OF  
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR KING COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY  
KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO  
THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN  
WASHINGTON STATE

No. 20-0-12050-5

**EMERGENCY ORDER #13**  
**RE: DEPENDENCY MATTERS**

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in Washington State.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, based on the findings in King County Emergency Orders Nos. 1-6 (available at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx>), and the proclamations of Governor Jay Inslee (<https://bit.ly/33ILTeA>), and President Donald Trump (<https://bit.ly/38SiuK7>) regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, and Justice Stephens' Order No 25700-B-606 (<https://bit.ly/3a3WC03>) and based on the Court's need to maintain public health and safety balanced against the Court's core constitutional obligations to the public:

**IT IS ORDERED:**

All non-emergency matters are continued until after April 24, 2020. The Supreme Court's order automatically continues these matters (they are not stricken). Instructions will be provided at a later date as to how the following continued matters will be handled:

- 30 Day Shelter Care Hearings
- Pretrial Hearings

- 1 • Motions
- 2 • Default Hearings
- 3 • Disposition Hearings
- 4 • Initial Progress Review Hearings
- 5 • Permanency Planning Hearings
- 6 • Review Hearings (includes EFC, Legally Free, SIJS, VYG)
- 7 • Preliminary Hearings

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9 TOP hearings are stricken and will need to be renoted. Motions for Publication will not be

10 addressed until after April 24, 2020.

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12 **Morning Calendar for 72 Hour Shelter Care and Emergency Hearings**

13 The only dependency hearings that will be heard are:

- 14 • 72 Hour Shelter Care Hearings [by phone or in person]
- 15 • Emergency Motions (immediately critical to child safety and health) [by phone]
- 16 • Emergency EFC or SIJS (if case needs to be established prior to aging out, etc.) [by
- 17 electronic submission]

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19 Telephone hearings are encouraged for 72 Hour Shelter Care Hearings if discovery and proposed

20 orders have been exchanged. It is preferable if interpreters appear in person. If there is an issue

21 with the exchange of discovery or proposed orders, parties will need to appear, in person, for the

22 hearing.

23 For hearings to be held by phone, proposed Orders are to be submitted by each party in Word

1 document format.

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3 A calendar call will be conducted each morning at 8:30 am. Professional parties who are  
4 participating by phone need to be call the appropriate conference line prior to that start time. Each  
5 court will ensure they have all information for each hearing and, if there are multiple 72s,  
6 determine which case may be sent to a standby judge. The numbers to call into are:

7 206-263-8114 Conference Pin 8968706# Kent 1L

8 206-263-8114 Conference Pin 5167911# Seattle E-854

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10 Parties on a telephone hearing will receive a phone call from the below numbers. Be sure you and  
11 your client (if participating) are available as coordinating these calls is very challenging. Court  
12 calls come from a 206-477-\*\*\*\* number.

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14 **Agreed Orders**

15 The court will accept agreed orders such as Orders of Dependency with Waiver, Disposition  
16 Orders, Dismissal Orders, Placement Change, etc.

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18 The court will not accept agreed orders for Initial Progress Reviews, Permanency Planning  
19 Hearings, Review Hearings or continuances of trials or hearings.

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21 If parties have all signed off on the order, you may email that directly to the appropriate bailiff.  
22 Be mindful of the court rotation schedule.

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- Kent Tuesdays and Thursday – send to [messitt.court@kingcounty.gov](mailto:messitt.court@kingcounty.gov)

- 1 • Seattle Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – send to  
2 [berns.court@kingcounty.gov](mailto:berns.court@kingcounty.gov) and [wiggs-martin.court@kingcounty.gov](mailto:wiggs-martin.court@kingcounty.gov)

3 **Agreed Adoptions**

4 Contact the King County Adoption Paralegal at [scadoptionparalegal@kingcounty.gov](mailto:scadoptionparalegal@kingcounty.gov) for  
5 instructions and documentation needed to have the lead dependency judge finalize adoption by  
6 electronic submission. Please indicate that this is for a dependency matter. Parties will then email  
7 to [berns.court@kingcounty.gov](mailto:berns.court@kingcounty.gov) to request an agreed adoption presentation via electronic  
8 submission.

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10 **Certified Copies**

11 If a certified copy of an electronically submitted Order is needed, parties need to add additional  
12 language to the Order directing the clerk's office to provide that certified copy and whether a  
13 voucher will be applied. Please visit [https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/access-  
14 records/records.aspx](https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/access-records/records.aspx) to get more further information on how to process your certified copy request.

15 **FAMILY TREATMENT COURT**

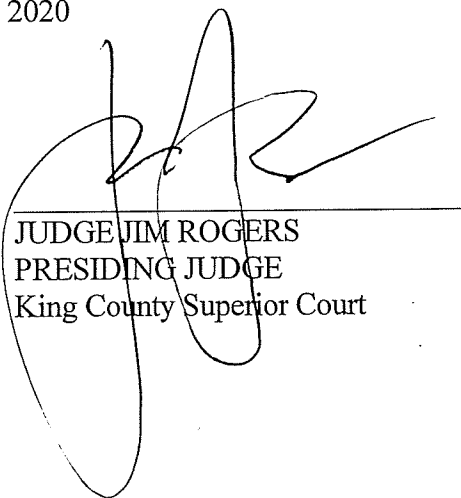
16 Calendars continue to be suspended. IPRs and PPHs are continued. Emergency motions will be  
17 heard telephonically and parties setting an emergency motion submit their documents via the FTC  
18 distribution. Proposed orders to be submitted in Word format. Any signed orders will be  
19 distributed to the FTC distribution list.

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21 For agreed Family Treatment Court Orders, please direct those orders to either  
22 [berns.court@kingcounty.gov](mailto:berns.court@kingcounty.gov) or [messitt.court@kingcounty.gov](mailto:messitt.court@kingcounty.gov) as appropriate. Note that the court  
23 will not accept agreed Initial Progress Review or Permanency Planning orders.

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The Court may further modify operations. All parties and persons are encouraged to monitor the King County website at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx> for updates.

Dated: March 24, 2020



JUDGE JIM ROGERS  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
King County Superior Court