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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 #16
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:

Pursuant to the Supreme Court Order of March 18, 2020, the following changes are implemented nunc pro tunc to March 20:

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
- Motions

- Default Hearings
- Disposition Hearings
- Initial Progress Review Hearings
- Permanency Planning Hearings
- Review Hearings (includes EFC, Legally Free, SIJS, VYG)
- Preliminary Hearings

TOP hearings are stricken and will need to be renoted. Motions for Publication will not be addressed until after April 24, 2020.

Morning Calendar for 72 Hour Shelter Care and Emergency Hearings

The only dependency hearings that will be heard are:

- 72 Hour Shelter Care Hearings [by phone or in person]
- Emergency Motions (immediately critical to child safety and health) [by phone]
- Emergency EFC, VYG or SIJS (if case needs to be established prior to aging out, etc.) [by electronic submission unless oral presentation requested]

Telephone hearings are encouraged for 72 Hour Shelter Care Hearings if discovery and proposed orders have been exchanged. If there is an issue with the exchange of discovery or proposed orders, parties will need to appear, in person, for the hearing.

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

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

206-263-8114 Conference Pin 8968706# Kent 1L
206-263-8114 Conference Pin 5167911# Seattle E-854

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

Agreed Orders

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

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

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

- Kent Tuesdays and Thursday – send to messitt.court@kingcounty.gov
- Seattle Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – send to both

1 berns.court@kingcounty.gov and wiggs-martin.court@kingcounty.gov

2 **Agreed Adoptions**

3 Contact the King County Adoption Paralegal at scadoptionparalegal@kingcounty.gov for
4 instructions and documentation needed to have the lead dependency judge finalize adoption by
5 electronic submission.

6 **Certified Copies**

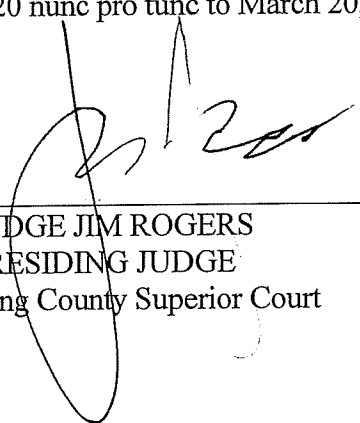
7 If a certified copy of an electronically submitted Order is needed, parties need to add additional
8 language to the Order directing the clerk's office to provide that certified copy and whether a
9 voucher will be applied. Please visit <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/access-records/records.aspx>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

10 **FAMILY TREATMENT COURT**

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

15 For agreed Family Treatment Court Orders, please direct those orders to either
16 berns.court@kingcounty.gov or messitt.court@kingcounty.gov as appropriate. Note that the court
17 will not accept agreed Initial Progress Review or Permanency Planning orders.

18 Dated: March 30, 2020 nunc pro tunc to March 20, 2020

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21 JUDGE JIM ROGERS
22 PRESIDING JUDGE
23 King County Superior Court