

IN THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF KING, STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE )	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH )	NO. 2020-05
)	
)	Re-scheduling of Hearings
)	and Changes to Court
)	Operations

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WHEREAS, The Chief Justice has issued a Second Revised and Extended Order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on April 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-618, 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; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recommend to continue the implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020 the Governor extended his stay at home order through May 31, 2020.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Effective Monday, March 16 – May 31, 2020, the court will reschedule hearings except for mandatory DV/DUI charges (which must be heard the next judicial day) and in-custody defendants. The Court will tentatively resume normal operations on June 1, 2020.
2. In order to slow the spread of COVID-19 the Court will remain closed to all walk-in visitors through June 30, 2020. This is a proactive measure to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of our community members and employees. The Court Staff are available by phone, 425-587-3160 or email, court@kirklandwa.gov to assist customers and answer questions.
3. To effectuate these continuances implemented by this Administrative Order, CrRLJ 3.3, the Time for Trial Rule for criminal matters, CrRLJ 4.1 time for arraignment and

time for hearing on civil infractions under IRLJ 2.6 are hereby suspended. The Court specifically finds the ends of justice served by these continuance outweighs the interest of the public and/or defendant's right to a speedy trial due to the unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances caused by the above enunciated public health emergency.

4. All traffic infractions calendared in response to a defendant's request for a personal appearance are continued to a date after August 1, 2020. Hearings currently calendared for appearance on written statements pursuant to IRLJ 3.5 will continued to be heard.
5. Probation appointments will be conducted by telephone only.
6. The prosecutor and public defender will remain on call and available for court appearances as coordinated.
7. The Court will assess the need for the setting or jury trials for the month of August on or before July 1, 2020
8. The Court will assess the need for further continuances on or before July 1, 2020.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

  
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John R. Olson, Presiding Judge