

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND AND NEWCASTLE

IN THE MATTER OF)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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Emergency Response to a)	NO. 2020-01
Threat to Public Health)	

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020.


WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All court rules are suspended until May 31, 2020.
2. All contested civil infractions are continued to the month of June 2020 or thereafter as may be warranted to address the threat to the public health.
3. All criminal cases now pending are continued to the month of June 2020 or thereafter as may be warranted to address the threat to public health.
4. The Court reserves the right to maintain or schedule arraignments, pretrial hearings, or reviews / revocation hearings between March 13, 2020 and May 31, 2020, in cases involving threats to public safety, including but not limited to domestic violence offenses and driving while under the influence / physical control.
5. The court will be closed from March 13, 2020 to April 24, 2020.
6. The court will hear in custody cases as necessary to preserve defendants' constitutional rights.

7. This order may be amended or withdrawn as warranted to address the on-going public health emergency.

DATED this 13th day of MARCH, 2020.


Presiding Judge WAYNE STEWART