

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER)
THE EXIGENT)
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED)
BY COVID-19 AND)
RELATED CORONAVIRUS)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 2020 - 03

COVID-19 LIMITED COURT OPERATIONS

PURSUANT TO order No. 25700-B-602 of The Supreme Court of Washington, as Presiding Judge of the Seattle Municipal Court, in the interest of public safety during the COVID-19 public health crisis and following the recommendation of King County Public Health for individuals at higher risk (e.g. those over 60 years of age, those with underlying health conditions, those who are pregnant) to stay at home and away from large groups of people and to feasibly avoid bringing large groups of people together. Also taking into account recent decisions by the U.S. District Court of Washington to suspend operations, the decision of Washington State Governor Jay Inslee prohibiting gatherings of over 250 people and the decision of Seattle Public Schools to close for the next two weeks;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All future set in-person appearances for contested hearings in Courtroom 301 & 302 set between March 12th, 2020 and April 9th, 2020 are continued.
2. Due to the cancelation of contested hearings until at least April 10th, 2020, IRLJ 2.6(a)(1) is suspended until further order of the court. Contested hearings may be scheduled more than 120 days from the date of the notice of infraction.
3. Due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the effect of public health recommendations and availability of counsel and Court staff to be present in the courtroom, Jury Trials are suspended through at least April 9th, 2020. The period of the continuances implemented by this General Administrative Order will be excluded for

calculation of speedy trial as the Court specifically finds this to be an excluded period under CrRLJ 3.3(e).

4. The Court will grant agreed continuance requests on out-of-custody matters for non-mandatory hearings scheduled through April 8th, 2020. For the purposes of speedy trial, the next hearing date will serve as the commencement date.

DONE this 11th day of March, 2020



Willie Gregory, ACTING PRESIDING JUDGE