

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 - 05
COVID-19 EMERGENCY COURT
CLOSURE

PURSUANT TO order No. 25700-B-602 of The Supreme Court of Washington and GR 21, as Presiding Judge of the Seattle Municipal Court, when provided with the information that an employee of the Court was positively diagnosed with COVID-19, in the interest of both public safety and public health during the COVID-19 public health crisis and the health and safety of potentially exposed court employees, court partners and the public;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Effective Saturday March 14th, 2020 through no earlier than Friday March 20th, 2020 Seattle Municipal Court will be closed. This includes the in-custody arraignment calendar at Courtroom 2 of the King County Jail.
2. Mandatory appearances during this emergency court closure will be handled electronically and or telephonically for the purposes of determining probable cause and conducting arraignments.
3. All other hearings affected by this emergency court closure that are determined as mandatory or in-custody appearances that are not hearings to determine probable cause or in-custody arraignment, will be continued to the next available calendar when the Court resumes limited operations under General Administrative Order 2020 – 04. For the purposes of speedy trial, this will be considered an excluded period.

4. General Administrative Order 2020 – 04 COVID-19 EMERGENCY LIMITED COURT CLOSURE will go back into effect at the time this emergency court closure order is lifted.

DONE this 14 day of March, 2020

Edward McKenna

Edward McKenna, PRESIDING JUDGE