

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 - 06
COVID-19 EMERGENCY LIMITED
COURT CLOSURE

PURSUANT TO orders No. 25700-B-602 and No. 25700-B-606 of The Supreme Court of Washington and GR 21, as Presiding Judge of the Seattle Municipal Court, 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. Calendars on Thursday March 19th and Friday March 20th, 2020 will be handled electronically and or telephonically for the purposes of determining probable cause and conducting arraignments pursuant to General Administrative Order 2020 – 05 EMERGENCY COURT CLOSURE.
2. Effective Saturday March 21st, 2020 the Court will resume emergency limited court closure operations consolidated to in-custody only appearances at Courtroom 2 of the King County Jail in accordance with the direction provided in order No. 25700-B-606 of The Supreme Court of Washington. This in-custody only calendar will run Monday through Saturday until further order of the Court.
3. All out-of-custody hearings affected by this emergency court closure, including out-of-custody arraignments will be continued to the next available calendar no sooner than April 27th. For the purposes of speedy trial, this will be considered an excluded period. The new arraignment date

shall be considered the “initial commencement date” for purposes of establishing the time for trial under CrRLJ 3.3(c)(1).

DONE this 19th day of March, 2020.


Willie Gregory, ACTING PRESIDING JUDGE