

**IN THE UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY)	EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TO THE THREAT TO PUBLIC)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
HEALTH.)	
)	Dated March 16, 2020
		Amended March 19, 2020
		Amended March 23, 2020
		Amended April 15, 2020

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in county of Kittitas, State of Washington.

1. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID – 19).
2. On March 4, 2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington courts to adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency and issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State; and
3. On March 6, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners for Kittitas County declared a state of emergency for Kittitas County in regard to COVID-19;
4. On March 11, 2020, Governor Inslee imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 250 people within King, Snohomish, and Pierce County due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and the increasing danger the virus presents to the health care system in the region;
5. On March 13, 2020, Governor Inslee mandated closure of all Washington schools from March 17 through at least April 24, 2020 and extended a restriction on social gatherings of more than 250 people throughout the entire State of Washington;
6. On March 15, 2020, Governor Inslee announced temporary closure of restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, and banned any social gatherings over 50 people throughout the entire State of Washington.
7. On March 18, 2020, the Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD) issued a press release of COVID-19 Community Spread occurring in Kittitas County. KCPHD urged Kittitas County

residents to assume they have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. It was recommended that people to shelter in place, if possible, to avoid exposing others or being exposed again themselves;

8. On March 19, 2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Corrected Order No. 25700-B-607.
9. On March 29, 2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Amended Order No. 25700-B-607
10. On March 23, 2020, the Board of Health for Kittitas County adopted Resolution No 2020-001 – Mandatory Stay-at-Home Order.
11. On April 13, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington Supreme Court adopted Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations No. 25700-B-615.


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective Wednesday, April 15, 2020:

1. The Upper Kittitas County District Court adopts Supreme Court Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations No. 25700-B-615.

The Court will remain open during regular business hours, however public access to the Upper Kittitas County Office will be restricted. Parties in need of a protection order or other emergency order, or other business with the court, please contact the court by one of the following manners: Phone: (509) 674-5533 email: upperdistrictcourt@co.kittitas.wa.us or Fax: (509) 674-4209. A staff member will assist you.

This order may be modified consistent with the Court's continual assessment of the needs of the community as well as the recommendations of public health officials.

DATED this 15th Day of April, 2020.



DARREL R ELLIS
Presiding Judge