

**DISTRICT COURTS OF WASHINGTON
FOR COUNTY OF KLICKITAT**

No. 2020-002

**IN RE THE KLICKITAT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT AND
THE PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19).**

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER**

Consistent with the Klickitat County District Court Order of March 16, 2020 regarding the Novel Coronavirus Covid-19, the District Courts are empowered to continue out-of-custody criminal matters to address public health and safety concerns presented by the Covid-19 virus. Subsequent to the issuance of the Court's order on March 16th, the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners determined it to be in the public interest to close all county offices including the County Courthouse in Goldendale through April 24, 2020. In addition, subsequent to the Court's order, the Federal Government revised its guidelines for public gatherings from a limit of 50 people to a limit of 10. As a result, the District Courts are not able to effectively limit the attendance during the upcoming criminal motion dockets so as to comply with aforementioned guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that,

1. The criminal dockets scheduled for the District Courts commencing March 18, 2020 through April 24, 2020 are continued to dates to be set by the respective court administrators after April 27, 2020. As provided for in the District Court's emergency orders, all court rules, including without limitation, CrRLJ 3.3 and 4.1 are suspended until further order of the Court. The District Courts may renew, expand, restrict or extend these orders to address any changes that occur with regard to public health and safety in the coming weeks.
2. The District Courts will work to conduct hearings on criminal in-custody matters as necessary during this time frame according to schedules established by the respective court administrators, provided whenever possible these matters will be conducted via telephone and video conference.
3. Law enforcement officials that issue citations during this time frame should schedule defendants to appear in court for preliminary appearances after April 27, 2020.
4. In all other respects, the Court's order of March 16, 2020 remains in full force and effect in accordance with the terms and provisions therein.

Dated this 17 day of March, 2020.



Presiding District Court Judge