

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

No. 2020-003

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

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER**

WHEREAS, subsequent to this court's previous administrative order dated March 17, 2020, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Statewide Order No.25700-B-607 on March 18, 2020, and then amended that order on March 20, 2020, in an effort to assist Washington's court system in addressing the rapidly evolving public health emergency presented by the novel coronavirus (Covid 19);

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, "Stay Home - Stay Healthy" ordering the statewide closure of non-essential services and businesses to further address this public health emergency;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proclamation lists state courts as part of Washington's essential public workforce "consistent with direction from the Washington State Chief Justice."

WHEREAS, although Klickitat County West District Court's courtroom has remained open to the public throughout this health emergency, the circumstances are such that this continued accessibility to the public is not consistent with sound public health concerns for the safety of the public and court staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Effective March 25, 2020, the Klickitat County West District Court lobby, courtroom and front counter will be closed to the public until further order of the court. The court staff will continue to report to work on a modified schedule that recognizes the reduction in regular court business that has resulted from the current public health crisis.
2. During the pendency of this administrative order, the District Court staffs will be available via telephone, email or fax from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The public is also encouraged to visit the courts' websites to pay fines, address infraction matters and complete other court business. The public may also leave telephone messages for court staff that will be returned at the earliest opportunity.
3. The District Courts will continue to issue civil protection orders as appropriate, and the public may request these orders via the mailboxes located at East and West District court buildings. The courts will only schedule in-person hearings on these matters, if necessary, after April 24, 2020. If in the Court's perspective a civil protection order hearing must take place prior to this date, the hearing will be conducted by telephone. Any granted orders may be served on the defendant/respondent via U.S. Mail.
4. Any court rules which are inconsistent with the provisions of Administrative Orders 2020-001, 2020-002, and this order are suspended while the orders remain in effect. Unless specifically modified or amended herein, the aforementioned orders remain in full force and effect in accordance with

their terms and provisions. This order may be amended, extended or withdrawn as warranted to address the on-going public health emergency.

Dated this 25 day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a surname that appears to be 'B'. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Presiding District Court Judge