



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR LEWIS COUNTY

In Re:

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION LIMITING
COURT OPERATIONS RESULTING
FROM PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5-2020

GR 21 DATED 6/15/2020

This Order supplements and modifies the prior General Orders of this court issued in response to COVID-19. All other provisions of the Prior General Orders, not addressed within this Order remain in full force and effect.

Based upon information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the recommendations of the Public Health Officer for Lewis County as well as the Director of Public Health for Lewis County, and the Orders of the Washington State Supreme Court, the Lewis County District Court is taking the following actions (Orders):

JURY TRIALS

All jury trials currently scheduled for July, 2020 shall be rescheduled to a new date after August 1, 2020.

All jurors for the months of June and July, 2020 are excused.

The continuance of these trials was necessitated by the need to find an alternate location for jury orientation and jury selection.

Effective August 3, 2020, jury orientation and selection shall occur at the Community Events Building located at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis, Washington.

1. The continuances ordered herein best serves the ends of justice and protects the rights of those impacted by the continuances, including defendants.
2. Such continuances will not prejudice any defendant impacted and each case impacted will, in addition to this order, be addressed on a case by case basis.

1 3. As to criminal jury trials, the court finds, pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3(f), the
2 continuances are required in the administration of justice as the court has a
3 reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors for trials.

4 DATED this 15 day of June, 2020.

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