

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR LEWIS COUNTY

In Re:

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION LIMITING  
COURT OPERATIONS RESULTING  
FROM PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

GENERAL ORDER NO.

GR 21 4/22/2020

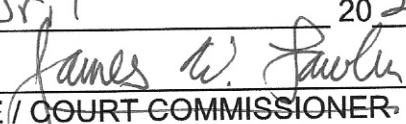
This Order supplements and modifies the prior General Orders of this court issued in response to COVID-19. All other provisions of the Prior General Orders, not addressed within this Order remain in full force and effect.

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 Superior Court is taking the following actions (Orders):

1. All criminal jury trials scheduled up to and including the week of May 4, 2020 are hereby stricken.
2. Any criminal hearings for OUT OF CUSTODY matters prior to May 4, 2020 are hereby continued.
  - a. If the matter was previously continued to a date certain, that date shall remain;
  - b. If the matter has not been set to a date certain, the matter shall be heard on May 7, 2020 at the attorney's time.
3. The excluded period shall continue at least until the defendant reappears in court to address the matter.
4. The continuances ordered herein best serves the ends of justice and protects the rights of those impacted by the continuances, including defendants.
5. 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.
6. As to criminal jury trials, the court finds, pursuant to CrR 3.3(f), the continuances are required in the administration of justice as the court has a reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors for trials.

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7. All civil jury trials scheduled up to and including the week of May 4, 2020 are hereby stricken. Those matters shall be on the Calendar for May 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to reset.
8. The time periods set forth in this General Order excluded periods for the purposes of computing time for trial. See CrR 3.3(e)(3).
9. At this time, no other hearing will be impacted.
10. The Lewis County Superior Court remains open and staff will be available. The public is encouraged to call the Lewis County Superior Court Clerk with any questions.

DATED this 22 day of April 2020.  
  
JUDGE / COURT COMMISSIONER