

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT  
FOR THE CITY OF SHELTON

IN THE MATTER OF ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
Ongoing Response to Health Threat ) NO. 2-2020  
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THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Given the significant number of identified and projected cases of the disease in Washington, the severity of the risk posed to the public, the recommendations of the Health District, and the authority granted by Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-602 (March 4, 2020), additional immediate action by the Courts is required.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby –

ORDERED that effective immediately and until further Order of the Court:

1. Emergency Administrative Order No. 1-2020 remains in full effect.
2. Washington’s judicial officers have broad discretion to preserve and enforce order in the courtroom and to provide for the orderly conduct of its proceedings.

Just as trial court judges are permitted to exclude distracting individuals, they are permitted to impose reasonable restrictions on the public’s manner of entry so as to minimize the risk of distraction or impact on the proceedings.

3. In order to insure that appropriate six foot social distancing occurs within Shelton Municipal Court's courtroom. Judicial officers may require any individual inside a courtroom to leave the courtroom until such time as their individual case is called for hearing.
4. No more than ten (10) defendants may be in the Courtroom at one time. The Court is not closing to the Public. Directions of the Security Officer shall be followed at all times.
5. Individuals temporarily excluded from the courtroom shall as much as possible adhere to the six foot rule while they wait in the lobby or Civic Center open area.
6. Anyone showing signs of illness shall not enter the Court, shall leave, and contact the Court Clerk as to the situation by telephone or through a third party. Security may force removal if required for the safety of others.

March 17, 2020



Stephen D. Greer  
Municipal Court Judge  
City of Shelton