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6 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON,**  
7 **COUNTY OF PIERCE**  
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10 IN RE THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE  
11 BY PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
12 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
IN WASHINGTON STATE

Emergency Order: 20-08

EMERGENCY ORDER #8  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER  
REGARDING WESTERN STATE  
HOSPITAL OPERATIONS

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14 This matter comes before the Court again on the COVID-19 public health emergency in  
15 Washington State.

16 Pierce County Superior Court Emergency Order's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are incorporated  
17 by reference.

18 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- 19 A. As a result of existing emergency conditions, Western State Hospital is approved for  
20 video conferencing for hearings on a temporary basis. This option shall not extend past  
21 April 24, 2020 unless specifically addressed by the Pierce County Superior Court  
22 Presiding Judge.  
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1 B. Acting Presiding Judge Phil Sorensen has authorized the Western State Hospital  
2 Commissioner to coordinate the use of video conferencing as appropriate for the needs of  
3 the court and its participants.  
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5 DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

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8 Hon. Phil Sorensen, Acting Presiding Judge  
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