

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF PUYALLUP

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Emergency Response to Public Health Threat) NO. 20-02
(Coronavirus/Covid 19))

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020 and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All jury trials scheduled to be held in the March term are cancelled and all jurors are excused. All parties are to appear at the court at the date and time currently scheduled for trial unless otherwise ordered by agreed motion and order. The time between the currently scheduled trial date and the next scheduled date will be deemed an excluded period for purposes of CrRLJ 3.3.
2. Any person scheduled for an arraignment, where the charge is not a DUI or a Domestic Violence offense, who contacts the court to report he or she is experiencing illness or quarantine will be reset to an arraignment date in four weeks and a new summons will be issued. In any such case, the time requirements of CrRLJ 4.1 are suspended until further order of the court.

3. Any person scheduled for an arraignment for a DUI or a Domestic Violence offense who contacts the court to report he or she is experiencing illness or quarantine will remain on the calendar as scheduled. The call to the court will be recorded in the court docket.

DATED this 12 day of March, 2020.



Presiding Judge