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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KLICKITAT/SKAMANIA COUNTY

IN RE THE KLICKITAT/SKAMANIA
COUNTY SUPERIOR AND THE
PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

Case No.: 20-2 00003-30
SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The actions set forth herein will take effect immediately and will remain in effect until further order of the Court, unless otherwise stated herein. If a date is stated herein, the stated date may be extended by further Court Order. This order is intended to supplement the emergency administrative orders entered by this court on March 18, 2020 in Klickitat County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00001-20 and Skamania County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00003-30.

A. The court incorporates in their entirety all of the historical factual findings and orders entered by the Court in the March 18, 2020 Klickitat County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00001-20 and Skamania County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00003-30 emergency administrative orders.

B. On March 20, 2020, Washington Supreme Court Justice Debra Stephens entered amended Order No. 25700-B-607 providing additional direction to the

1 Courts of Washington State to address the emergency created by the COVID-
2 19 outbreak, which included amongst other provisions: (i) arraignment on out
3 of custody cases filed between today's date and April 24, 2020 or the first
4 appearance in court after that date shall be deferred until a date 45 days after
5 the filing of charges. (ii) extending Juvenile court jurisdiction in all pending
6 offender proceedings and in all cases in which an information is filed with the
7 juvenile court prior to April 24, 2020, until the offender's next scheduled
8 juvenile court hearing after April 24, 2020; (iii) limiting the need for defense
9 counsel to obtain signatures from defendants on orders to continue trials
10 through April 24, 2020; (iv) allowing courts to address procedural issue in
11 juvenile, dependency, involuntary commitment, child support, and other
12 matters that may not be encompassed in this Order; (v) allowing courts to
13 adopt measures to protect health and safety that are more restrictive than this
14 order, as circumstances warrant, including by extending as necessary the
15 time frames in this order; and (vi) advising that Supreme Court may extend
16 the time frames in this order as required by continuing public health
17 emergency by further order and advising that these emergency orders
18 deemed part of affected cases for appellate purposes.

19 C. On March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued a "stay at home" order
20 requiring individuals not to leave their residences other than for essential
21 services.

22 D. As of March 24, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health reported
23 a total of 2469 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 123 deaths in Washington
24 State. As of March 24, 2020, Klickitat County has six (6) confirmed cases of
25 COVID-19 and Skamania County has one (1) confirmed case of COVID-19.

1 Our neighboring county to the west, Clark County, has thirteen (16) confirmed
2 cases of COVID-19 and four (4) deaths related to COVID-19. However, as
3 reported by the Washington State Department of Health: Public health
4 experts agree that the true number of people who have been infected with
5 COVID-19 in Washington greatly exceeds the number of COVID-19 infections
6 that have been laboratory confirmed.
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8 Given the significant number of identified and projected COVID-19 cases
9 in Washington State, the severity of the risk posed to the public, court personnel
10 and litigants, and the child care needs of potential jurors, witnesses, and other
11 parties, and based upon the consistent and urgent advice of all public health
12 experts that proactive “social distancing” and limiting public gatherings is
13 essential to address the emergent healthcare concerns brought on by the
14 COVID-19 outbreak,

15 It is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to the authority of Washington State
16 Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-602 and as amended in Washington State
17 Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-607, and the authority as the Presiding Judge
18 of both the Klickitat County and Skamania County Superior Courts, that the
19 following supplemental rules, in addition to the rules implemented in the
20 emergency administrative orders entered on March 18, 2020 in Klickitat County
21 Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00001-20 and Skamania County Superior Court
22 cause no. 20-2-00003-30, shall be in effect immediately:
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- 24 1. Arraignment on out of custody cases (adult and juvenile) filed between
25 today's date and April 24, 2020 or the first appearance in court after

1 that date shall be deferred until a date 45 days after the filing of
2 charges. Good cause exists under CrR 4.1 and CrRLJ 4.1 and JuCR
3 7.6 to extend the arraignment dates. The new arraignment date shall
4 be considered the "initial commencement date" for purposes of
5 establishing the time for trial under CrR 3.3(c)(1), CrRLJ 3.3(c)(1) and
6 JuCR 7.8(c)(1).

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- 8 2. Arraignment on all in custody cases (adult and juvenile) may be
9 continued until a date following April 24, 2020 upon agreement of the
10 parties.
- 11 3. Juvenile court jurisdiction in all pending offender proceedings and in all
12 cases in which an information is filed with the juvenile court prior to
13 April 24, 2020, in which the offender will reach the age of 18 within 120
14 days of April 24, 2020, shall be extended to the offender's next
15 scheduled juvenile court hearing after April 24, 2020.
- 16 4. Defense attorneys are not required to obtain signatures from their
17 clients on orders to continue criminal matters through the dates listed
18 in the emergency administrative orders entered on March 18, 2020 in
19 Klickitat County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00001-20 and
20 Skamania County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00003-30. This
21 Order serves to continue those matters without need for further written
22 orders. Additionally: a. Defense counsel is not required to obtain
23 signatures from defendants on orders to continue criminal matters
24 through April 24, 2020; b. Courts shall provide notice of new hearing
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1 dates to defense counsel and unrepresented defendants; c. Defense
2 counsel shall provide notice to defendants of new court dates.

- 3 5. All dependency fact-findings and termination of parental rights trials
4 scheduled between March 18, 2020 and April 24, 2020 are hereby
5 continued until the next regularly scheduled trial date corresponding
6 with the nature of the proceeding in their respective courts. The court
7 hereby finds good cause exists for the continuance of these trials.
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- 9 6. All non-emergent contempt hearings on parenting plan cases and child
10 support cases currently filed or filed prior to April 24, 2020 are hereby
11 continued to a date set following April 24, 2020. The court hereby
12 finds that contempt hearings based upon a parent's failure to follow the
13 currently scheduled visitation plan is non-emergent and will need not
14 be scheduled until a date following April 24, 2020. The court will
15 review motions for an order to show cause to determine if an
16 emergency exists and schedule those emergent hearing accordingly.
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- 18 7. All court hearing dates addressed by this court's emergency
19 administrative orders and supplemental emergency administrative
20 order shall be reset to the corresponding date addressed by these
21 orders and no further notes for the corresponding court date need to
22 be filed by the parties.
- 23 8. The order supplements the emergency administrative orders entered
24 on March 18, 2020 in Klickitat County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-
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00001-20 and Skamania County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00003-30 and those orders continue to remain in full force and effect.

9. Any matters not addressed in this supplemental emergency order and the emergency administrative orders entered on March 18, 2020 in Klickitat County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00001-20 and Skamania County Superior Court cause no. 20-2-00003-30 shall proceed in the manner consistent with all State and Local Court rules.

DATED this 25th day of March, 2020.



Randall C. Krog, Presiding Judge of
Klickitat/Skamania County Superior
Courts