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Administrative Order 20-11

**Snohomish County District Court
Emergency Order**

WHEREAS on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) in response to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), and

WHEREAS on March 1, 2020, President Donald J. Trump proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, Governor Inslee has subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53, 20-55 through 20-67, and 20-69 through 20-71, exercising his emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of the Governor's Proclamations were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives and

WHEREAS public health dictates that the court take certain measures,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to the authority of Washington State Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-646 and the authority of the Presiding Judge of the Snohomish County District Court, that the following shall be in effect commencing October 30, 2020:

Health Screening

In an effort to continue providing a safe and healthy place for the public to access the Snohomish County District Court, health screening shall be conducted at the front entrance to all Snohomish County Courthouses. The Snohomish County Sheriff, and/or his designee, is directed to carry out this Order. Prohibiting individuals possessing COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 from accessing courthouses is essential to the safety of the public and the Court.

Any member of the public desiring entrance to any Snohomish County Courthouse for the purpose of accessing Snohomish County District Court shall be asked the following:

1. Do you have COVID-19 or are you experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell which are not explained by another known condition?
2. In the last fourteen (14) days, have you been within six (6) feet of anyone (including family members) with confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19?

These questions shall be asked at the security checkpoint to the entrance of the courthouse as part of the security screening process. Any member of the public answering affirmatively to either question shall be denied admission to the building. Any member of the public refusing to answer the aforementioned questions shall also be denied admission to the building. Any member of the public attempting to gain admission to the building in violation of this Order may be subject to arrest for trespassing. Individuals that are denied admission shall be directed to contact their attorney (if represented) and shall be provided contact information for the Snohomish County District Court and the procedure to properly notify the Court of their inability to enter the building.

Proper notification to the Court may result in a continuance of a hearing and/or any other action that the Court deems appropriate. This Order is subject to Snohomish County District Court Emergency Order 20-10 and any other superseding Administrative Orders regarding failure to appear or log-in for hearings.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2020



Judge Douglas J. Fair

Presiding Judge

Snohomish County District Court