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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER OF)	
THE RESPONSE BY SNOHOMISH)	NO. <u>2020 7005 31 A</u>
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE)	
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN)	EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 3F
SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND THE)	RE: RESUMPTION OF MODIFIED
STATE OF WASHINGTON)	OPERATIONS FOR DEPENDENCY
)	CASES IN JUVENILE COURT
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THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE COURT on the public health emergency in Washington State and in Snohomish County.

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 issued Proclamation 20-05, declaring a state of emergency throughout all counties of the Washington state 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, on March 23, 2020, in response to the Covid 19 emergency, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25 "Stay Home, Stay Healthy," prohibiting all people in Washington from leaving their homes, except to conduct or participate in essential activities. In

complying with the prohibition, lawyers, litigants, and witnesses will be unable to attend court for nonessential hearings unless by means of a system for telephonic or video appearance; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers signed Emergency Executive Order No. 20-04, stating, “all people in Snohomish County shall immediately cease leaving their home or place of residence except (1) to conduct or participate in essential activity and/or for employment in essential business services;” and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20.33.4, finding that emergency conditions continue to exist as a result of the pandemic related to the COVID-19 virus, and extending Proclamation Nos. 20-05 and all amendments thereto, Proclamation Nos. 20-33, 20-33.1, 20-33.2, and 20-33.3, collectively, the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” restrictions through May 31, 2020, those Proclamations having been previously extended by the Governor and by the leadership of the House and Senate; and

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 infection and deaths in Snohomish County and throughout Washington State, and social distancing and other precautions are helping to curb the rise of new cases; but the risk of contracting the disease by the public, county and state agency staff, court personnel, litigants and their families, attorneys, contractors and volunteers remains high; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has adopted a phased approach to the resumption of activities, known as the “Safe Start Washington” plan, and Snohomish County has now moved to Phase 2 under the plan, which no longer prohibits all gatherings; and

WHEREAS, under Phase 2 of the Safe Start Washington plan, high risk populations are still strongly encouraged, but not required, to stay home unless engaging in certain permissible activities. Additionally under Phase 2, gatherings are restricted to no more than 5 people outside

a person's household per week, travel for essential activities and limited non-essential travel is now authorized, and most businesses, including in-home/domestic services are now authorize to resume; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that the resumption of certain essential hearings is in the interests of justice and such hearings can occur in a manner that protects public health and minimizes the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus through the use of social distancing measures, the wearing of cloth masks, the use of cleaning protocols and through the use of available telephonic and virtual technology;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to the authority of Washington State Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-607, Second Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations No. 25700-B-618, Extended and Revised Order Re: Dependency and Termination Cases No. 25700-B-622, and the authority of the Presiding Judge of the Snohomish County Superior Court, that the following shall be in effect June 8, 2020:

I. Continuation of Emergency Consolidated Calendars

1. All provisions of Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 3D are hereby extended through July 5, 2020, except as expressly modified herein, The Juvenile Court will continue to operate under the terms and conditions set forth in Emergency Order No. 3D, as modified by this order, until that date.

II. Virtual Hearings Commence on July 6, 2020

2. Beginning on July 6, 2020 and until further notice, the Juvenile Court will resume operations on a modified basis using available technologies to prevent the spread of and exposure to the COVID-19 virus. To that end, the Court will be using Zoom, an online meeting application for

most hearings, but will also hold telephonic hearings in some cases, either using CourtCall or having the court initiate the call. Parties are required to use Zoom and/or telephonic hearings to participate, unless they meet the exception requirements below. Zoom sessions of the Court will be broadcast to the public live over YouTube. Telephonic and in-person hearings, where allowed, will be conducted by the Judge in an open courtroom at the Denney Juvenile Justice Center.

3. Exceptions to Technology Requirement. If a hearing participant does not have access to a smart phone or computer with the features necessary to access Zoom technology or telephone for telephonic hearings, or requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act that prevent him or her from using the technology to participate by Zoom or telephonically, he or she may appear at DJJC in person. Any participant planning to appear in person shall notify the Court at least 1 day prior to the hearing. Any party planning to appear in person shall notify their attorney prior to the hearing so that arrangement can be made for that person's legal representation at the courthouse. Upon receiving such notice, the Judge's law clerk will notify all attorneys appearing in the case of the planned in-person attendance.

4. COVID-19 Public Health Protocols.

a. Any person who is sick or in quarantine shall not enter the Courthouse. Staff and visitors are expected to practice good hygiene by washing hands frequently and/or using hand sanitizer when hand washing is impractical. Frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned with disinfectant.

b. Where an in-court hearing will be held, social distancing measures will be enforced to the greatest extent practicable in all courtrooms and public areas within the Courthouse. Courtrooms and public areas have been equipped with social distancing markers to illustrate appropriate social

distancing. Each individual courtroom will have a limited capacity due to social distancing. As a result, parties awaiting their hearing are requested to wait in the lobby until their case is called. Staff will notify parties when it is their turn to enter the courtroom.

c. Any person over the age of 2 years old entering the public areas of the Denney Juvenile Justice Center and/or a courtroom shall wear a protective cloth covering (“mask”) or plastic face shield covering the face, mouth and nose unless:

(1) the person has trouble breathing or a medical provider has determined that the health or safety of the individual is at risk by wearing a mask or face covering;

(2) the person has a physical or mental disability that prevents them from easily wearing or removing a mask or face shield;

(3) the person is deaf or is communicating on behalf of a person who is deaf and uses facial or mouth movements to communicate; or

(4) there exists any other compelling reason that, in the court’s discretion, requires waiver of the requirement.

d. Any person with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act needing an accommodation or assistance may go to the Court’s ADA Accommodation webpage at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/509/ADA-Accommodations> or call Lisa Galvin at Court Administration (425) 388-3369 for assistance.

e. Masks and face shields will not be provided by the Court. Each participant is responsible for bringing his or her own mask with them. Parents or guardians with minor children over the

age of 2 years old shall be responsible for ensuring their minor children are properly wearing masks/face shields.

f. If a person has a question or concern about their ability to meet the Court's public health precautions, the person should speak to Court staff or the Judge's Law Clerk before the start of their hearing. Any person who does not meet one of the exceptions listed above that willfully refuses to follow the Court's COVID-19 public health precautions may be removed from the courthouse.

5. Noting Hearings for Zoom Calendars. Whenever a party notes a hearing on a court calendar that will be held via Zoom, that party shall simultaneously provide a copy of the Calendar Note, along with the name of each participant, their telephone number, and email address, to the following court contact person, so that a Zoom invitation for the hearing can be sent to the participant(s):

a. Offender cases. Provide notice to Toni Elmendorf, Court Coordinator in the Probation Department. Ms. Elmendorf shall forward the information to the Judge's law clerk so that a Zoom invitation can be sent to each participant.

b. Dependency cases. – Provide notice to the Judge's Law Clerk. The Law Clerk will send email invitations to all attorneys associated with a case. A single hearing invitation will be sent for each family. For cases with overlapping parents/children that should be heard together, the attorneys shall be responsible for assisting the court in identifying each family group that should be included in a single hearing session. Attorneys shall be responsible for forwarding the Zoom link email to their clients to allow their appearance at each hearing. The social worker shall be responsible for forwarding a Zoom link email to the child's placement so that they may also participate at the hearing. Parents' attorneys may forward the Zoom link to OPD Social Workers assigned to their cases to assist parents in participating in hearings. Otherwise, no other non-parties shall be

forwarded the Zoom link. Interested persons who are not parties to a case may observe the proceedings via YouTube, as discussed herein. (See Section 7(c), below).

For Unified Family Court (UFC) cases, Sharon Smith, Court Facilitator, shall notify the Judge's law clerk as to which cases will be heard on a particular Monday UFC calendar, and the Law Clerk will be responsible for sending a Zoom email invitation to the parties to the UFC case, as well as to the dependency case attorneys.

6. Calendar System. Court hearings will be held on the dates and times set, as reflected in the Court's Odyssey case management system.

7. Virtual Hearings.

a. Zoom Hearings. There is no cost to the participants to use Zoom. The Zoom application can be run on a computer, Surface Pro, smart phone, ipad or other similar hardware. Attorneys will receive an email invitation from the Judge's law clerk, inviting each participant to join their assigned court hearing via Zoom on the required date and time. Other parties will receive an email invitation forwarded to them by their attorney. To join a hearing, parties must click on the link provided in the email or log into the Zoom platform and provide the meeting ID Code and Password provided in the email. For Zoom hearings, participants shall comply with the *Zoom Telephonic Hearing Instructions*, which are published on the Juvenile Court's website at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/195/Juvenile-Court>. The Court will make private chat rooms available for attorney-client discussions on the Zoom platform. All Zoom participants are requested to log into their hearing on Zoom at least five minutes prior to the start time of the hearing. Parties will be placed in a virtual "waiting room" until each case is ready to be heard. The Court will enter the participants into the hearing when the case is ready to proceed.

b. CourtCall Hearings. For telephonic hearings using CourtCall, participants shall comply with the *CourtCall Telephonic Hearing Instructions*, which are published on the Juvenile Court's website at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/195/Juvenile-Court>.

c. Public Access to the Court via YouTube. Only parties to each case will be allowed to be present in the Zoom hearing. However, each calendar will be broadcast to the public live in real time over YouTube, in order to allow the public to observe the proceedings. An official recording of the hearing will be made by the Court through its audio recording system. Videotaping, audiotaping and further dissemination of the live YouTube feed is strictly prohibited. The parties are to instruct witnesses and family/friends of this prohibition. A link to live court hearings broadcasting each day on YouTube can be found on the Juvenile Court website at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/195/Juvenile-Court> beginning on July 1, 2020.

8. Contact Information for Parties, Attorneys and Witnesses. All attorneys shall ensure that they have filed a Notice of Appearance for each case assigned and shall provide the Judge's law clerk with accurate contact information (current email and phone number) for themselves, their client, and any witness they intend to have testify at the hearing at least one (1) week prior to the next scheduled hearing. If a different attorney intends to appear at a hearing in lieu of the regularly assigned attorney, the attorney providing coverage shall notify the Law Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the hearing, so that a Zoom hearing invitation can be sent to them. For larger firms, the attorneys may submit a firm "service address" to which Zoom email invitations may be sent. Where a law firm asks the Court to use a group service address, it shall be the firm/attorney's responsibility to ensure that such notices are forwarded to the appropriate attorney(s) and that appearances are properly calendared.

9. Use of Exhibits in Virtual Hearings.

a. Working Copies of Exhibits Required. A working copy of any document or other evidence (“Exhibits”) that a party desires the court or witness to consider at a hearing shall be sent via email to the Judge’s Law Clerk at the new Working Copy Email address: wc.dependency@snoco.org.

A Cover Sheet shall be placed on each group of Exhibits clearly stating the Case Name, Cause Number, the date and time of the hearing, the Judge hearing the case, and the party offering the Document/Exhibit.

b. Authentication required. If the evidence presented in the Exhibit(s) is to be authenticated through a witness at the upcoming hearing, the cover sheet shall indicate which witness will be presenting it. If the exhibit will not be presented through a witness, the party presenting it shall provide a Declaration signed under penalty of perjury authenticating the document. Digital signatures may be provided as authorized by SCLRGR 30A.

c. Service of Exhibits. Exhibits provided to the Court shall be served on all parties as required by the Court Rules. In any hearing where a witness will be called to testify and asked to discuss an Exhibit, the Exhibit must be provided to the witness prior to the hearing.

d. Pre-Numbering of Exhibits. Each Exhibit shall be numbered sequentially:

- The moving party shall use Exhibit Numbers 1-50.
- The responding party or parties shall confer with each other and use Exhibit Numbers 51-100.

Any Exhibit provided to a witness must be free from any markings, highlighting or other emphasis or alteration (other than the Exhibit Number and page numbers, as appropriate), and shall be identical to the Exhibit(s) provided to the Court and other parties.

e. Original Exhibit(s) to be delivered to the Court Clerk Drop Box. Pre-numbered, original Exhibits with a cover sheet shall be delivered to the Court for marking by the Court Clerk at least one (1) day prior to the hearing accompanied by the Cover Sheet described above. The Court will establish an Exhibit drop box at the Denney Juvenile Justice Center for original documents at the Receptionist Desk. The Judge's law clerk will retrieve the Exhibits in the drop box and provide them to the Court Clerk for marking prior to the start of the hearing. Working copies of voluminous Exhibits for the Judge may be placed in the drop box, as well. No other documents shall be left in the drop box. (Documents in the drop box will not be filed with the Clerk's Office).

10. Procedures for Trials at the Main Courthouse. For dependency and termination fact finding trials that are scheduled to be held at the main Courthouse, the parties shall follow the procedures adopted by the Superior Court for Civil Bench Trials held virtually using Zoom.

III. DEPENDENCY MATTERS IN JUVENILE COURT

11. Resumption of Hearings at DJJC. The Snohomish County Juvenile Court will resume holding all dependency and termination calendars beginning on July 6, 2020 using the modified procedures described herein.

12. Agreed Orders to be Submitted Ex Parte. In order to minimize the number of cases that need to be heard, the Court strongly urges the parties to confer and determine which cases are contested and need a full hearing. Where the parties have reached an agreement, the hearing may be stricken from the calendar. In that case, the parties shall notify the Judge's law clerk at least one (1) business day prior to the hearing that the matter may be stricken and the Zoom hearing cancelled. An agreed order shall be sent to the Judge's law clerk for entry ex parte.

13. Virtual Hearings Required. The following matters shall be heard using virtual technologies:

a. Beginning on July 6, 2020 and until further notice, the following matters will be heard using Zoom from Courtroom 2:

- Termination Preliminary Hearings
- UFC Preliminary Hearings
- Dependency Contested Motions
- Dependency Publication/Default Preliminary Hearings
- Dependency and Guardianship Preliminary Hearings
- Dependency Special Set Hearings
- Dependency Review Hearings and Permanency Planning Hearings
- Dependency Fact Finding Trial Call
- Dependency Settlement Conferences

b. Beginning on July 6, 2020 and until further notice, all Shelter Care hearings and Motions to Shorten Time will be heard telephonically using court-initiated calls.

c. No parties shall appear for hearings in person at the courthouse unless permission is granted by the Judge conducting the hearing. Where a person is granted permission to appear in person, they shall report to Courtroom 2 for dependency matters.

d. Motions for default may be brought in cases where service was made by publication and no appearance or response has been made.

14. Shelter Care Hearings. Shelter care hearings will be held daily as needed at 1:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday telephonically from Courtroom 1. On Fridays, shelter care hearings will be held once again at 9:00 a.m. telephonically from Courtroom 2. A telephonic appearance will be considered an “appearance in court.”

15. Motions to Shorten Time. All dependency Motions to Shorten Time will be heard only at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Scheduling for those dates and times must be made through the Judge's law clerk. Where an emergency occurs on a Friday necessitating a motion on shortened time, the moving party shall contact the Judge's law clerk for assistance in scheduling a hearing. Oral argument is limited to 5 minutes per side. All hearings will be conducted telephonically through court-initiated calls from Courtroom 2.

16. Contested and Special Set Motions. Beginning on July 6, 2020 and until further notice, contested dependency motions and other special set motions shall be heard on Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. using Zoom. Scheduling for those dates and times must be made through the Judge's law clerk. If testimony is to be taken, the party calling a witness shall provide the name, telephone number, and email address for each witness in advance to the Court and other parties.

17. Adoption Review Hearings. Non-contested adoption review hearings on Mondays at 8:30 a.m. shall continue to be handled ex parte.

18. Legally Free Review Calendar. Cases scheduled on the Legally Free Calendar on the first and third Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. will continue to be heard telephonically. All cases in which an agreed order is reached by the parties may be submitted ex parte for review by the Judge. In contested cases, the parties shall appear telephonically using CourtCall.

19. Dependency Visitation Orders.

- a. The Court finds that the Governor, through Proclamation No. 20-25 "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" and Proclamation 20-33 "Child Visitation and Remedial Services" has determined that the COVID-19 pandemic presents a public health emergency that could

disrupt the availability of an adequate number of relative caregivers, other suitable persons, foster parents, and group homes necessary to provide essential services to dependent children.

- b. The Court further finds that the Governor determined that it was necessary to immediately waive and suspend in-person visitation requirements under RCW 13.34 and RCW 74.13, which require in-person visitation of children in the custody of DCYF by parents or other family members and by DCYF case workers.
- c. The Court finds that according to the Snohomish Health District, there are presently 3,070 confirmed cases and 435 probable cases of COVID-19 virus in Snohomish County, alone. Of those cases, 2,266 were acquired in the community and another 101 cases are still under investigation as to how the virus was acquired. Unfortunately, 153 residents have died from the virus.
- d. While the COVID-19 emergency remains a risk, the situation within our County is improving. The Court takes notice of the fact that the rate of transmission has slowed in Snohomish County, and 3,015 people have recovered from the COVID-19 virus. Snohomish County has now achieved Phase 2 of the Governor's phased reopening plan known as "Safe Start Washington," based on the readiness risk assessment. King County and other Counties are still under Phase 1, and the risk of transmission of the virus in those counties remains high.
- e. The court finds that pursuant to the Governor's Phase 2 designation, gatherings between parents and children subject to the jurisdiction of this court residing out of home within Snohomish County or other counties that have achieved Phase 2 can now be safely conducted, so long as the participants follow social distancing and other Phase 2 "Safe Start Washington" guidelines. Accordingly, the Court orders that in-person visitation for

families where both parent and child are presently residing in a County that has achieved Phase 2 or higher under the Governor’s “Safe Start Washington” guidelines, may resume immediately, subject to the social distancing and “Safe Start Washington” health guidelines. Visitation shall occur under the conditions and schedules set forth in their current court orders.

- f. For families where either the parent and/or child resides in a county that remains in Phase 1, in-person visitation remains suspended and visits shall continue to be conducted by video or telephone conference.
- g. This change to visitation shall be documented by the Social Worker in the case file, court reports and court orders.

IV. TRUANCY, CHINS/ARY AND EMANCIPATION
MATTERS IN JUVENILE COURT

20. Truancy Hearings. Beginning on July 6, 2020, all hearings in Truancy matters will be held on Mondays at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Courtroom 3. These hearings shall be heard telephonically using CourtCall. Each calendar shall be limited to four (4) fact finding hearings. The Court will continue to review orders received from school districts ex parte.

21. ARY and CHINS. Beginning on July 6, 2020, all hearings on At-Risk Youth (ARY) and Children in Need of Services (CHINS) matters held on Monday and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom 3, except extensions and terminations as set forth herein, shall be heard via CourtCall.

a. All extensions of ARY/CHINS petitions will be considered telephonically by calling (425) 388-7954, except in cases where a judicial officer requests all parties to appear telephonically or in-person observing strict social distancing protocols.

b. Requests to terminate ARY/CHINS petitions shall be noted for a telephonic hearing unless an agreed order is submitted to Court. Agreed orders to terminate ARY/CHINS petitions may be submitted ex parte to a Judge or Commissioner at the Denney Juvenile Justice Center. Agreed orders shall contain the signature of the petitioner, which may be made digitally according to SCLRGR 30A.

22. Emancipation. All Emancipation hearings shall be heard via CourtCall on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. in Courtroom 3.

V. OFFENDER MATTERS

23. Notice to the Offender. The Probation Department shall be responsible for sending a summons to the youth to appear either via Zoom or in the Courtroom, as appropriate.

24. Fact Finding Trials. Both in-custody and out-of-custody offender fact findings shall resume on July 6, 2020. Trials will be held on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom, using social distancing and public health protocols. Trials and revocations may be held using Zoom upon agreement of the parties.

25. Time for Trial. Due to the declared public health emergency, and its effect on the ability and availability of counsel and Court staff to be present in the courtroom, the time period of the continuances granted by the orders of this court between March 18, 2020 and the offender's next trial date set after July 6, 2020 but not later than September 1, 2020, shall be excluded in computing

time for trial pursuant to JuCR 7.8(b). The Court further finds that the ends of justice served by continuing these cases outweighs the defendant's right to a speedy trial. The Court further finds that any delays in the time for trial are the result of unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances and are therefore excluded from computing time for trial by JuCR 7.8(e)(7).

26. Arraignment. Beginning on July 6, 2020 and until further notice arraignments will be heard on Mondays at 9 a.m. in person in Courtroom 1, using social distancing and public health protective measures. The calendar is limited to 15 cases.

27. Offender Docket and Motions. Beginning on July 6 and until further notice, there shall be two separate calendars for in-custody and out-of-custody offenders.

a. In-Custody Calendars. The Offender Docket and Motions calendars on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. shall be for in-custody offenders only. In-custody offenders will be brought into Courtroom 1 using social distancing and public health protective measures.

b. Out-of-Custody Calendars. The Offender Docket and Motions calendars on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays shall be mainly for out-of-custody offenders. Those matters will be held via Zoom. With prior approval of the Court, in-custody offenders and out-of-custody offenders may appear on the calendar in-person in Courtroom 1, using social distancing and public health protective measures,

28. Plea and Dispositions. Pleas and disposition hearings shall be held in-person at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in Courtroom 1, using social distancing and public health protective measures.

29. Trial Confirmation Hearings. Beginning on July 6, 2020 and until further notice, out-of-custody Respondents shall appear for their offender trial confirmation calendars held on Thursdays

at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Orders shall be circulated for signature and sent to the Court after the hearing for signature ex parte.

30. SAU Calendars. Beginning on July 6, 2020 the SAU calendar shall resume on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Out-of-custody offenders may be required to appear via Zoom. In-custody matters will be heard in person. The parties shall confer and notify Toni Elmendorf and the Law Clerk at least 1 week in advance as to which matters will be held via Zoom.

31. Post-Conviction Motions. Beginning on July 6, 2020, the former “Sealing Calendar” will be known as the “Post-Conviction Motion” calendar. Motions that may be scheduled on this calendar include Sealing Motions, Relief from Registration Requirements (Firearm/Sex Offender), Restoration of Firearm Rights, and other post-conviction motions for relief. The calendar will be held on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

32. Extension of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile court jurisdiction in all pending offender proceedings and in all cases in which an information is filed with the juvenile court prior to July 1, 2020, in which the offender will reach the age of 18 within 120 days of July 6, 2020, shall be extended to the offender’s next scheduled juvenile court hearing after July 6, 2020. Proposed Orders extending juvenile court jurisdiction may be submitted to a juvenile court judge on an ex parte basis.

VI. OTHER MATTERS

33. Motions Without Oral Argument. Motions without oral argument in offender and dependency cases may be submitted for review in chambers at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week.

34. Orders Continuing Hearings and Other Matters. Proposed motions and orders continuing hearings and other agreed orders shall be submitted to the Judge for signature ex parte.

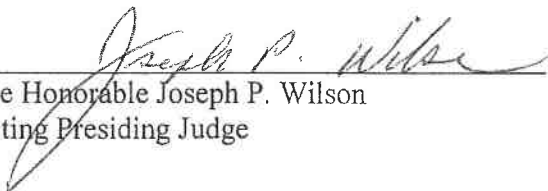
35. Electronic Signatures. Based on the unforeseen exigent circumstances that exist relating to the COVID-19 public health emergency, counsel may propose orders of continuance and other agreed orders without the signature of their client, except for UFC final family law orders, and the parties and attorneys may use digital signatures in all cases as authorized by SCLRGR 30A.

Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Order 3E is hereby repealed and replaced by this Order. This order extends all provisions of Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 3D until July 5, 2020, except as modified herein. Effective on July 6, 2020, Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Order 3D is repealed and superseded by this Order, Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Order 3F.

This order supplements Snohomish County Superior Court Emergency Order No. 9 and future amendments to the same. In the event that Emergency Order No. 9 is superseded by a future order, this order supplements said order unless specifically provided to the contrary in that future order.

This Order may be further extended or modified.

Adopted this 11th day of June, 2020.


The Honorable Joseph P. Wilson
Acting Presiding Judge