

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH)
THREAT) NO. 2020-3

4. Non-emergency civil matters may be continued until after June 1, 2020. However, this court will make all reasonable efforts to begin to hear non-emergency civil matters, such as infractions, name changes, default and summary judgment motions, so long as such matters can appropriately be conducted by telephone, video or other remote means.

5. This court will continue to prioritize and hear all emergency civil matters that can be heard by telephone, video, or other remote means.

6. This court will continue to hear emergency civil protection order and restraining order matters by telephone, video or other remote means and will allow for filing petitions in person or by email to *district@stevenscountywa.gov*.

With Respect to Criminal Matters:

7. All criminal jury trials remain suspended until at least July 6, 2020.

8. This court will continue to hear **in-custody** proceedings for defendants who are held in jail via video conference.

9. For **out-of-custody** matters, this court will continue to hear first appearance hearings on cases involving Driving Under the Influence, Physical Control and Domestic Violence by telephone, video or other remote means.

10. All other **out-of-custody** criminal matters may be continued until after June 1, 2020, except this court will take all reasonable efforts to accommodate those motions, actions on agreed orders, status conferences or other proceedings that can appropriately be conducted by telephone, video or other means that does not require in-person attendance.

11. This court encourages attorneys to submit agreed scheduling orders for entry off-docket in all pending matters whenever possible consistent with the terms of this order.

General Information:

12. The public observation of court proceedings is available by telephonic or video means and the instructions will be provided by contacting the Stevens County District Court Clerk's Office at (509) 684-5249.

13. This court will waive the fee for obtaining a CD recording of court proceedings conducted during the declared COVID 19 public health emergency.

14. This order may be modified consistent with the court's continual assessment of the on-going public health emergency.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2020.

Gina A. Tveit

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Presiding Stevens County District Court Judge