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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
8 FOR THE COUNTY OF THURSTON

9 IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY  
10 THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
11 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
12 IN WASHINGTON STATE

NO. 20-2-00001-34

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER No. 2**

13 In response to the current public health emergency in Thurston County and Washington State,  
14 this Court issued “Emergency Administrative Order #1” on March 13, 2020. Since that time,  
15 the situation has evolved requiring the Court to take additional action. The Court makes the  
16 following findings:

- 17 1. On March 16, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed an emergency proclamation that  
18 mandates the immediate two-week closure of all restaurants, bars, and entertainment and  
19 recreational facilities, as well as additional limits on large gatherings. The new orders go  
20 into effect March 17, 2020, and will be in place through March 31, 2020.
- 21 2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) tightened its guidelines on March  
22 15, 2020, to recommend that gatherings of more than 50 people be canceled for the next  
23 eight weeks. Those events include weddings, birthday parties or funerals.  
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1 3. As of the date of this order, there are 5 reported confirmed COVID-19 cases in Thurston  
2 County, 1,012 confirmed cases in the State of Washington and 52 deaths reported in  
3 Washington State from COVID-19.

4 4. Due to constraints on technical capacities of the courthouse buildings and campus, the  
5 Court is limited in the number of telephonic hearings it may conduct. Technical  
6 limitations also limit the ability of court employees to effectively conduct their duties  
7 remotely.  
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9 Based on the changing conditions and guidance from governmental sources, Thurston County  
10 Superior Court hereby modifies Emergency Administrative Order #1 as set forth below.  
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12 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, 2020,  
13 Emergency Administrative Order #1 remains in place, with the following modifications, through  
14 May 15, 2020, or until further notice:  
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- 16 1. THE COURT SUSPENDS ALL JURY TRIALS.
- 17 2. Dependency, Termination, Family Law, and Unlawful Detainer trials are suspended.
- 18 3. The Court will conduct Juvenile Offender in-custody trials and ITA bench trials.
- 19 4. The Court suspends the following Adult Criminal Calendars occurring at Main Campus:  
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- 21 • Evidentiary;
  - 22 • Suppression;
  - 23 • Miscellaneous Motions (both After Sentencing and Pending);
  - 24 • Out of Custody Omnibus (beginning week of March 23, 2020);
  - 25 • First Look;
  - 26 • Walk-Ons;

- Confirmed Trial and Discovery Hearings (after March 18, 2020);
- Treatment Reviews and Non-Compliance; and
- Criminal Ex-Parte (criminal ex-parte matters shall be brought to a Judicial Officer during any criminal calendar).

5. The Court will consider emergent criminal motions at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday (previously the Evidentiary Calendar) only by special set. Requests for emergent motions will be screened when presented Ex-Parte and set by a Judicial Officer.

6. The following criminal calendars will not be suspended at this time with continued efforts to minimize unnecessary appearances and encourage social distancing:

- Preliminary Appearances,
- Arraignment hearings,
- Trial Confirmation Hearings,
- Change of Plea and Sentencing Hearings,
- In-Custody Omnibus Hearings,
- Competency Hearings, and
- Agreed motions – submitted through ex parte process.


7. The Court suspends all requirements for Judge's Copies. Judge's Copies shall not be submitted.

8. The Chief Judge of Family and Juvenile Court shall have the authority to cancel or modify the conduct of non-essential calendars related to that building.

1 TO THE EXTENT NOT MODIFIED BY THIS ORDER, EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE  
2 ORDER #1 (DATED MARCH 13, 2020) REMAINS IN EFFECT.

3 THIS ORDER, INCLUDING ITS EFFECTIVE PERIOD (MARCH 17, 2020 – MAY 15, 2020),  
4 IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

5 DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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8 Presiding Judge Erik D. Price

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