

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF LYNDEN
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE
BY WASHINGTON STATE COURTS
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON
STATE

EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 2020-01

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined the spread of the new coronavirus has now reached worldwide pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Washington has issued an emergency order in response to the public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State on March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602, granting emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All criminal cases now pending are continued until April 29, 2020, or thereafter as may be necessary to address the threat to public health.
2. All contested civil infractions are continued to May 13, 2020, or thereafter as may be necessary to address the threat to public health.

3. Jury trials will be postponed until May 6, 2020, or a later date if deemed necessary to address the threat to public health.
4. The Court reserves the right to maintain or schedule arraignments, pretrial hearings, or reviews/revocation hearings between March 16, 2020 and April 29, 2020, in cases involving threats to public safety, including but not limited to domestic violence offenses and driving while under the influence/physical control.
5. The Court will not be in session on April 1, 2020 nor on April 15, 2020.
6. The Court will hear in-custody cases as necessary to preserve defendants' constitutional rights.
7. This Order may be amended or withdrawn as warranted to address the on-going public health emergency.

DATED this 16 day of MARCH 2020.



Terrance G. Lewis
Presiding Judge, Lynden Municipal Court