

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR YAKIMA COUNTY**

In Re:

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION  
LIMITING COURT OPERATIONS  
RESULTING FROM PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 5**

**ORDER SUPPLEMENTING ORDER  
ENTERED MAY 1, 2020  
(SUPERIOR COURT ONLY)**

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WHEREAS, the state and this county are experiencing a rapid increase in the numbers of people showing symptoms of and being diagnosed with the current strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is known to be highly contagious and easily transmitted in enclosed spaces like courtrooms and jury rooms of this court; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency has been declared by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Board of County Commissioners for Yakima County and the City Council for the City of Yakima due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has issued **SECOND REVISED AND EXTENDED ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS No.**

25700-B-618, filed April 29, 2020, suspending all jury trials until at least July 6, 2020, and allowing all criminal and juvenile offender matters to be continued until after June 1, 2020; and

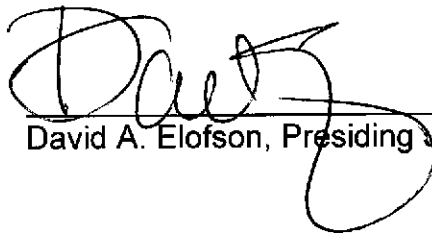
WHEREAS, the Yakima County Superior Court entered General Order No. 4 on May 1, 2020, which acknowledged that jury trials were suspended until at least July 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Yakima County is still in Phase 1 of the Safe Start Washington planned phased reopening county-by-county for the state (in which no gatherings are recommended), and there is no indication when the county will be able to move to Phase 3 (in which gatherings of up to 50 people may be allowed).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All Superior Court jury trials remain suspended through August 2020.
2. This Order is subject to further modification dependent upon the spread of the COVID-19 virus and subsequent orders from the Washington State Supreme Court.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2020.

  
David A. Elofson, Presiding Judge