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**Administrative Order 20 – 03**

**Snohomish County District Court  
Emergency Order**

On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID - 19). On March 4, 2020 Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-8-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington courts to "adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current public health emergency."

On March 11, 2020 the Governor imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 250 people within King, Snohomish, and Pierce County due to the danger of continued spread of the virus and the increasing danger the virus presents to the health care system in the region;

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority given this Court through Washington State Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602 and authority granted to the Presiding Judge of the Snohomish County District Court pursuant to GR 29, This Emergency Order is effective March 13, 2020, and shall remain in effect unless renewed, modified or rescinded by the Snohomish County District Court Presiding Judge. All Divisions of the Snohomish County District Court will remain open, pending further Order of the Court.

**Order**

**1. No Change to the Protection Order and Compliance Hearings**

The following matters will continue to be heard in all Divisions:

- (a) All civil protection order hearings for Unlawful Harassment, Domestic Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault and Extreme Risk Protection Orders.
- (b) All compliance hearings pursuant to RCW 10.21.055 and weapons surrender orders pursuant to Chapter 9.41. RCW

## **2. Criminal Hearings**

- (a) The Time for Trial provisions of CrRLJ 3.3 are suspended until further Order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602.
- (b) Arraignments: Arraignments for DUI, Physical Control, Domestic Violence and Violation of Court Orders charges will continue to be heard. All other arraignments will be continued until after 24 April 2020. Time for Arraignment provisions of CrRLJ 4.1 are suspended until further Order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602.
- (c) Motions: All criminal motions currently calendared, with the exceptions noted below, are stricken from the calendar and may be re-noted after 24 April 2020. The following hearing are determined to be necessary and may be heard:
  - Motions to quash warrants.
  - Motions regarding bail.
  - Motions for TRO from custody.
  - Motions to review pre-trial release conditions.
  - Any other Motion with the consent of a Judicial Officer.
- (d) Readiness: Pre-trial Readiness matters will remain set as currently calendared. CrRLJ 3.4(a) permits the Court to excuse the presence of the defendant upon a finding of good cause. Defense counsel are encouraged to consult with their clients regarding health and safety concerns and to present information to the Court supporting good cause to excuse their clients' presence.
- (e) Jury Trials: All jury trials currently calendared are continued to a trial term after 24 April 2020.
- (f) Probation Review Hearing: All probation review hearing currently calendared are continued to a date after 24 April 2020.

## **3. Traffic Infraction Hearings**

All traffic infraction hearings currently calendared for a hearing prior defendant's personal appearance are continued to a date after 24 April 2020. New hearing notices will be sent by the Court. Hearings currently calendared for appearance on written statements pursuant to IRLJ 3.5 will continue to be heard. Time for Hearing provisions of IRLJ 2.6 are suspended until further Order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Order 25700-8-602.

## **4. Civil Proceedings**

Civil Motions, Change of Name, Small Claim Mediation Hearings, Small Claim Trials, Vehicle Impound Hearings and all other civil proceedings not otherwise addressed in this Order that are currently noted for hearing before 24 April 2020 are continued. Civil Motions may be re-noted by the moving party after 24 April 2020. All other civil matters will be re-set for hearing after 24 April 2020 by the Court.

**5. Jail Calendars and Mental Health Court**

This Order does not apply to Jail Calendars and Mental Health Court. Judicial Officers hearing jail and Mental Health Court calendars may make such Orders as are necessary to protect the health and safety of all participants and the public. No jail transports to Cascade, Evergreen or South Division will occur absent the approval of a Judicial Officer

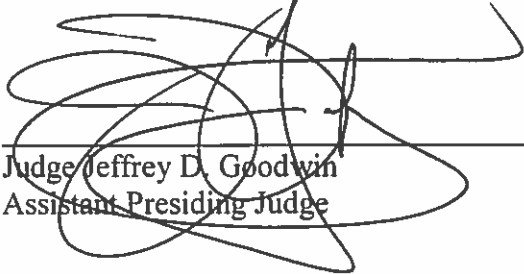
**6. Rules**

Any Snohomish County District Court Local Rules or State Court Rules that are inconsistent with the provision of this Administrative Order are suspended during the effective time of this Order.

**7. Other**

- (a) For purposes of this Order, 'Judicial Officer' means a Snohomish County District Court Judge or Snohomish County District Court Commissioner.
- (b) Any civil or criminal matter addressed in this Administrative Order may be heard upon the approval of a Judicial Officer.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020



Judge Jeffrey D. Goodwin  
Assistant Presiding Judge