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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER OF)
THE RESPONSE BY SNOHOMISH) NO. 2021-7004-31-A
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE)
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN) AMENDMENT TO
SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND THE STATE OF) EMERGENCY ORDER #13
WASHINGTON) RE: COURT OPERATIONS
) PARAGRAPH 15
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Pursuant to the authority given to this Court through Washington State Supreme Court Orders 25700-B-602 through B-646 (and any superseding or modified orders) and the authority granted to the Presiding Judge of Snohomish County Superior Court pursuant to GR 29, this Amendment to Emergency Order #13 shall be in effect immediately.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

15. A defendant proceeding to jury trial may express his or her preference either for Zoom or in-person jury selection to the judge assigning cases to trial at the time of assignment. In the event a defendant proceeding to jury trial does not express a preference for either form of jury selection, the form of jury selection shall be at the sole discretion of the trial judge. Motions to continue based on an objection to the available voir dire procedures

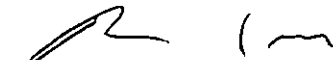
shall be noted for hearing prior to the date of the trial, unless the continuance is agreed. The number of jurors to be questioned during voir dire at one time will be at the sole discretion of the trial judge; however, each side may indicate its preference as to the number of jurors to be questioned at a time. For remote jury selection, prospective jurors will be required to have: (a) access to an internet capable device equipped with camera, microphone, and audio; and (b) the ability to hear and see and be heard and seen; and (c) reliable internet service that permits the simultaneous receipt and transmission of audio and video without any skipping, freezing, or other interruptions; and (d) a location where they can participate without interruption. Any prospective juror who does not have adequate equipment, internet, or location will be required to come to the courthouse in the location designated for their jury service. Additionally, any prospective juror unable to work the proper technology will also be required to come to the Snohomish County Superior Court in person. An appropriate location within the courthouse will be provided, and any necessary equipment will be provided. The equipment shall not be removed from the courthouse or from the location the juror is provided to participate in the trial. To the extent possible, all attorneys shall maintain six feet of distance between themselves and everyone else in the courtroom, including when at counsel table. All participants, including all members of the jury, all staff, and the judge, shall wear masks. While it is recommended that jurors wear KN95 masks, they may wear cloth masks or surgical masks. During in person questioning of prospective jurors, at the discretion of the trial judge, when directly responding to questions, jurors may be permitted to change from a cloth mask or surgical mask to a clear mask.

During examination of witnesses in a criminal trial, the witness shall be permitted to wear a clear mask (provided by the Court) or may be permitted to wear no mask at the discretion of the trial judge.

To the extent possible all attorneys shall maintain six feet of distance between themselves and everyone else in the courtroom, including when at counsel table. All participants are encouraged to use, and the trial judge may require them to use, a mask of KN90 grade or higher.

All provisions of Emergency Order # 13 which are not superseded by this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2021



Judge Bruce I. Weiss
Presiding Judge