

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF PUYALLUP

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Emergency Response to Public Health Threat)
(Coronavirus/COVID-19)) NO. 20-06
) Amending Orders 20-02; 20-03;
20-04

WHEREAS the Chief Justice 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; and

WHEREAS, to reduce spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, declaring a state of emergency as a result of the public health emergency posed by coronavirus/COVID-19, subsequently amending the order multiple times to curtail spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court further adopted Order No. No. 25700-B-607 on March 18, 2020 (and amended March 20, 2020), directing courts to limit in person hearings and to continue all non-emergent out of custody matters to a date after April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-B-615 on April 13, 2020:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1) This Court's prior order of closure, 20-04, is continued in effect through May 4, 2020 with the exceptions and conditions previously set forth in that order;
- 2) The May jury term is canceled. All matters previously scheduled for jury trial will be rescheduled to a date to be determined in the future;
- 3) The courthouse will continue to be closed to the public. The courtroom will open for in-custody hearings conducted via video; however, attendance may be limited. Social distancing measures and other public health precautions will be implemented and enforced;
- 4) For all cases currently pending and for new cases filed during the pendency of this order, the delay/continuance of cases shall constitute an excluded period and/or be subject to this Court's now standing order suspending court rules for speedy trial purposes, which includes, but is not limited to, CrRJL 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, IRLJ 2.2, IRLJ 2.4, IRLJ 2.6, and any other applicable court rule;
- 5) Notwithstanding the order of emergency closure, remote hearings may be held by telephone or video. Participants of such hearings will be notified by the Court of the date, time, platform and procedure to be used to facilitate the hearings;
- 6) Notices for future dates for all cases delayed by this order will be mailed to the parties via U.S. mail. Any party needing to update a mailing address should contact the court at (253) 841-5450;
- 7) For instances not specified above and where applicable to a municipal court, the Supreme Court of Washington Order No. 25700-B-615 is hereby incorporated by reference;

8) The Court may extend or revise this order as required by the continuing public health emergency, and if necessary, will do so by further order.

DATED this 17 day of April, 2020.



Andrea Beall, Presiding Judge