

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
FOR THE CITY OF PUYALLUP

IN THE MATTER OF)
Emergency Response to Public Health Threat)
(Coronavirus/COVID-19)
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)
NO. 21-01)

WHEREAS the Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court 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 issuing a "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order to curtail spread of the virus; and on November 15, 2020 issued state wide restrictions in response to recent rapid spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court adopted a fourth revised Order NO. 25700-B-626 on October 13, 2020, allowing the continuance of criminal matters and granting broad authority to individual courts to adopt measures to protect public health and safety in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency; then

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1) Jury Trials

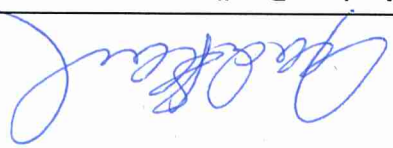
The February and March jury term are suspended. Cases not resolved at the respective readiness hearings will be continued to a date no earlier than the April jury term. The time between the currently scheduled trial date and the next scheduled trial date will be deemed an excluded period.¹

2) Prior Orders

All prior emergency administrative orders relating to court operations limited by the COVID-19 pandemic continue in effect.

This Court may extend or revise this order as required by the continuing public health emergency, or it may reassess the need for other protective measures not set forth in this order, and, if necessary, will do so by further order.

DATED this 25 day of Jan, 2021.



Andrea Beall
Presiding Judge

¹ Supreme Court Order 25700-13-646 issued 10/13/20, paragraph 12, allows "continuances of criminal matters."
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