

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT SERVING
CITY OF LAKEWOOD
CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
TOWN OF STEILACOOM
CITY OF DUPONT

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
Emergency Response to Public Health Threat) NO. 20-04
(Coronavirus/COVID-19))

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 Orders No. B-602 and B-25700-B-626, 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;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between individuals and encouraged vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces;

WHEREAS, our court facilities are ill-equipped at the present time to effectively comply with social distancing and other public health requirements and therefore continued in-person appearances for jury trials jeopardize the health and safety of jurors, litigants, attorneys, judges, court staff, and members of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

All jury trials scheduled to be held during the week of July 22nd to July 24th are cancelled and jurors are excused. All parties are to appear at the court at the

date and time currently scheduled for trial unless otherwise ordered by agreed motion and order.

A continuance of these criminal trials is required in the administration of justice. Based upon the court's finding that the serious danger posted by COVID-19 is good cause to continue criminal trials, and constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(8), CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8), and JuCR 7.8(e)(7), the time between the date of Supreme Court Order B-25700-B-626 (May 29, 2020) and September 1, 2020 shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial. CrR 3.3(e)(3), CrRLJ 3.3(e)(3), JuCR 7.8(e)(3).

DATED this 10th day of June, 2020.



Susan Adams
Presiding Judge