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LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

**Superior Court of Washington
County of Lincoln**

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC
HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 05-08-2020

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice has issued several emergency orders in response to the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus disease ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order Nos. 25700-B-602 and 618 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 this court finds good cause due to community health concerns for the suspension of the following trials and hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

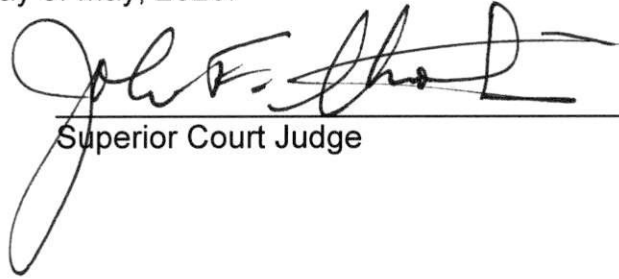
1. All jury trials previously or currently scheduled from March 18, 2020 to July 1, 2020 are continued to no earlier than July 8, 2020. All entries of pleas by criminal defendants shall be in person.
2. The dependency case dockets other than shelter care hearings, fact finding hearings and motions of an emergency nature are suspended until no earlier than July 7, 2020.
3. Any delays in the time for trial resulting from suspension of such jury trials and dependency matters are stayed during this period.
4. The Superior Court will remain open during this time through telephone and Zoom hearings as more specifically set forth in its website at www.co.lincoln.wa.us.

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5. Until July 6, 2020 all hearings shall be by telephone or Zoom unless the court after consideration of necessary social distancing and health considerations determines on a case-by-case basis that in-person court hearings shall be conducted.
6. This order shall be published on the Lincoln County Superior Court local website.

DONE IN COURT this 8th day of May, 2020.



Superior Court Judge