

Lower Kittitas County District Court

Post-Pandemic Procedures

No one should enter the courtroom if they are ill. Everyone in the courtroom must comply with existing state or local health orders and court orders. Gallery seating is limited. Audio will be livestreamed with a link provided on the court's website during hearings.

Jury trial procedures will comply with guidance provided by state and local public health officials and the Washington State Supreme Court. Jurors and trial participants that are ill should not come in personally but should call the court to be excused.

Pretrial and probation violation (PV) hearings that are ready for disposition may be assigned specific times as the calendar allows if parties indicate to the clerk in advance. Contested PV or 3.5/3.6 cases will be assigned specific times by the clerk at the time of scheduling and after the filing of relevant motions.

Infraction hearings will be scheduled to start at the beginning of their respective calendars. Failure of a party or their representative attorney to appear may result in the infraction being found committed. Infraction hearings may be conducted in writing if a statement is received before end of business on the day the case is set for hearing.

Continuances in writing may be granted upon showing of good cause or by agreement of the parties with an accompanying waiver of speedy trial/contested hearing. Cases will remain on calendar unless motion to continue is granted at least 2 business days in advance.

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