

IN THE LOWER DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF KITTITAS

IN THE MATTER OF) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO A) NO. 2020-05
THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH)

WHEREAS, there remains a declared state of emergency and additional immediate action by the court is required beyond that which was implemented by Administrative Orders No. 2020-01, -02, -03 and -04,

AND WHEREAS, Kittitas County has been moved to Phase 3 of the Safe Start Washington plan established by Washington State Governor Jay Inslee's Proclamation 20-25.3, which allowed gatherings of no more than 50 people.

AND WHEREAS, the Lower Kittitas County District Court indicated in Administrative Order County No. 2020-04 due to the county being moved to Phase 3 that jury trials would recommence in its courtroom in August, 2020.

AND WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Health Officer has the authority to set health restrictions that are more stringent than the governor's orders,

AND WHEREAS, the Kittitas County Health Officer issued an order that took effect on July 20, 2020, that prohibits public, indoor gatherings of more than 10 people in all settings except for as allowed under Phase 3 religious and faith-based organization requirements, which makes it impossible for the gathering of jurors to conduct jury trials.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDERED:


- 1) All prior Administrative Orders and Emergency Rules of this court remain in effect, except that jury trials are now resuspended and will not be resumed until

future Administrative Order from this court. All cases that are currently set for jury trial will have their trial dates stricken and will remain scheduled for existing readiness hearings for parties to address the court as needed. The court maintains the suspension of deadlines imposed by the following rules: CrRLJ 3.3 and 4.1, IRLJ 2.2 and 2.6.

2) The above takes effect immediately and remains in place until further notice.

Lower Kittitas County District Court remains open and is available by email, telephone or fax. Mail will be received and processed usually by the next business day after receipt. Both criminal and civil intake desks remain open for filings.

DATED this 29 day of July, 2020.



Presiding Judge
Paul R. Sander
Lower Kittitas County District Court