

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR KITTITAS COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TO THE THREAT TO PUBLIC
HEALTH.

) FIFTH AMENDED
) EMERGENCY
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) SUSPENDING JURY TRIALS
)
) Dated: 11-30-20
) Amendment: 12-1-20
) Second Amendment: 12-28-20
) Third Amendment: 12-29-20
) Fourth Amended: 1-14-21
) Fifth Amended: 9/7/21

On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID – 19).

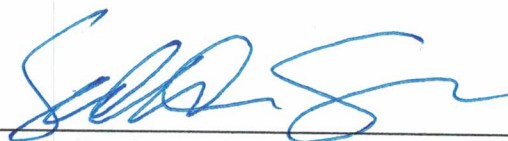
Recent Department of Health statistics reflect that Kittitas County is above the state average in the rate of new cases per 100,000 population and in percentage of positive test results. Therefore, effective immediately, the Kittitas County Superior Court will suspend Jury Trials through September 30, 2021.

Based upon the Court's finding that serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to continue criminal trials and constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(8), the time between this Order, September 7, 2021, and September 30, 2021, shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial.

This Jury Trial Suspension Order will be reviewed on or about September 27, 2021, with additional reviews approximately every 30 days thereafter, as deemed necessary, until the Jury Trial Suspension Order is retracted.

The Court will remain open to the public during regular business hours. As the situation changes, the Court may make modifications to comply with the rapidly changing environment. Please review <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/courts/superior> for the most recent information.

DATED this 7th day of September 2021.



Scott R. Sparks, Presiding Judge