

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.

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

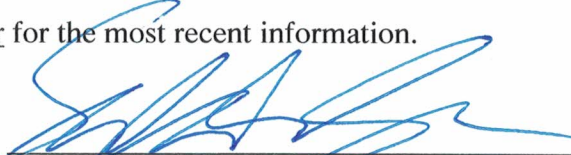
On November 15, 2020, Governor Inslee announced a new set of restrictions for the State of Washington based on the rising number of COVID-19 cases. Governor Inslee established new restrictions for indoor social gatherings, decreased capacity in restaurants and retailers, and other crowd-limiting measures. On January 11, 2020 Governor Inslee announced *Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery*, a COVID-19 phased recovery plan. All counties in the state are to follow a regional recovery approach with every region being assigned to Phase 1. Kittitas County is currently in Phase 1 and 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 March 15, 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 the original Order, November 30, 2020 and March 15, 2021, shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial.

This Jury Trial Suspension Order will be reviewed on or about February 15, 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 14th day of January 2021.



Scott R. Sparks, Presiding Judge