

**IN THE UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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

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AMENDED EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
SUSPENDING JURY TRIALS

Dated: December 3, 2020
Amended December 22, 2020
3rd Amendment: January 12, 2021

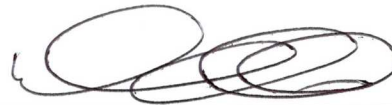
On November 15, 2020, Governor Inslee announced a new set of restrictions for the State of Washington based on the rising number of COVID-19 cases. Governor Inslee established new restrictions for indoor social gatherings, decreased capacity in restaurants and retailers, and other crowd-limiting measures. On, January 11, 2021, 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. As Kittitas County is currently in Phase 1, effective immediately, the Upper Kittitas County District Court will suspend Jury Trials through March 31, 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 CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8), the time between the original Order, December 3, 2020 and March 31, 2021, shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial.

This Jury Trial Suspension Order will be reviewed on or about March 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/upper> for the most recent information.

DATED this 12th Day of January, 2021.



DARREL R ELLIS,
Presiding Judge