

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
FOR THE COUNTY OF WHATCOM

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IN THE MATTER OF RESPONSE TO PUBLIC
HEALTH RISK

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WHATCOM COUNTY
WASHINGTON
SECOND
BY _____
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20-2-00001-37

WHEREAS, the state and this county are experiencing a rapid increase in the numbers of people showing symptoms of and being diagnosed with the current strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS COVID-19 is known to be highly contagious and easily transmitted in public areas such as courtrooms, and the City of Bellingham has indicated that gatherings of more than ten people should be avoided; and

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of Washington has declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak and has ordered that citizens remain at home until further notice, except for essential matters; and the Whatcom County Executive has declared a Public Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602 granting this Court emergency authority to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

The Court will conduct no jury trials until after May 20, 2020.

DATED this 31st day of March, 2020.



Deborra Garrett, Presiding Judge