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Grant County District Court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR GRANT COUNTY

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IN RE THE GRANT COUNT DISTRICT  
COURT AND THE PANDEMIC  
OUTBREAK OF THE CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE (COVID 19)

December 1, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> AMENDED EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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This 4<sup>th</sup> Amended Administrative Order is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the Washington State Supreme Court's Fourth Revised and Extended Order No. 25700-B-646. It is effective IMMEDIATELY.

The Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602 granting emergency authority to this court 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.

Between November 11, 2020 and November 25, 2020 the Grant County Health District reported a COVID-19 positivity rate of 910 cases per 100,000 residents in Grant County, which is significantly higher than the stated goal of less than 25 per 100,000 residents.


The court is committed to protecting the health, safety, and security of our community as well as protecting the constitutional rights of the accused. Grant County District Court has

reassessed the risk of conducting jury trials in light of the current COVID-19 positivity rate in Grant County.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. Based on Paragraph 12 of the Supreme Court's Fourth Revised and Extended order 25700-B-646, "A Continuance of these criminal and juvenile offender hearings and trials is required in the administration of justice. Based upon the Supreme Court's finding that the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to continue criminal and juvenile offender trials, and constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(8), CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8), and JuCR 7.8(e)(7), the time between the Supreme Court's May 29, 2020 Order and the next scheduled court hearing after October 15, 2020 shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial. CrR 3.3(e)(8), CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8), and JuCR 7.8(e)(7). After October 15, 2020, courts may further exclude time under these rules based on individual findings of "unavoidable circumstances" due to COVID-19 or other circumstances." Therefore, Grant County District Court makes an individual finding of unavoidable circumstances due to COVID-19. Based on these findings, the time between the date of this order and the date of the next scheduled trial date is EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial.
2. All criminal jury trials are hereby suspended until after January 11, 2021.
3. All civil jury trials are hereby suspended until after January 11, 2021.

12/1/2020  
Date

  
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Judge Janis Whitener-Moberg  
District Court Judge, Presiding