

IN THE POULSBO MUNICIPAL COURT

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AND THE PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

NO. 2020-5
EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER

1. THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Washington has been “ground zero” for this disease. As of today, there are over 2221 confirmed cases of the disease in Washington, including 20 confirmed cases in Kitsap County.
2. 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 disease 2020 (COVID - 19).
3. On March 4, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Order No. 25700-8-602, granting emergency authority upon all Washington courts to adopt, modify, and/or suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current public health emergency that affects operations of trial courts in Washington State; and
4. On March 13, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee ordered the closure of all public and private K-12 schools.
5. On March 13, 2020 the City of Poulsbo issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency. The proclamation allows the City to use all resources necessary to prepare for and respond to an outbreak and to adjust City policies and operations.
6. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency.
7. On March 16, 2020 Washington State Governor Inslee ordered a prohibition of gatherings of over 50 participants.
8. On March 20, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted Amended Order No. 25700-B-607;

9. On March 23, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, ordering all residents to stay at home or at their place of residence except to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or (2) for employment in essential business services, effective March 25-April 6, 2020.
10. On March 16, 2020 this Court adopted Emergency Administrative Order 2020-1 regarding the operations of Poulsbo Municipal Court in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by Amended Emergency Administrative Order 2020-2, adopted on March 24, 2020.
11. On April 29, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted the Second Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations, Order No. 25700-B-618.
12. On May 5, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.3 adjusting and extending Proclamation 20-25 through May 31, 2020, ordering all residents to stay at home or at their place of residence except to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or (2) for employment in essential business services, and/or to participate in activities permitted by said proclamation.
13. On May 28, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health approved Kitsap County's variance application to fully implement Phase 2 of Governor Jay Inslee's Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan. Kitsap County remains in Phase 2, limiting gatherings to "no more than 5 people outside [one's] household per week", with customer-facing government operations being unpermitted until Phase 3.
14. On May 29, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted the Third Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations, Order No. 25700-B-626.
15. On October 13, 2020, Chief Justice Debra Stephens of the Washington State Supreme Court adopted the Fourth Revised and Extended Order Regarding Court Operations, Order No. 25700-B-646. In this order, the Chief Justice recognized that "many court