

IN THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re:)
Public Emergency Created by the) No. 2022-01
COVID-19 Virus)
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The Court adopts the preambles from previous Administrative Orders (2020-01-2021-03).

Due to vaccinations and lowering case counts, the Court commenced jury trials starting January 1, 2022. However, a new and highly transmissible variant, Omicron, raised the infection rate to levels not previously experienced. Reported cases for the week ending January 1, 2022 were 5,583. The previous high was 2274. The two-week rolling average of cases per 100,000 population for the week ending January 15, 2022 was 2,997. The previous all-time high had been 487. According to information provided by the Snohomish County Health District, from January 18, 2022 to January 24, 2022, the City of Lynnwood's reported case count increased by 1,215 cases. This is the second highest increase among all cities within Snohomish County.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority given this Court through Washington State Supreme Court Orders 25700-B-602 through B-646 (and any superseding Orders), and the authority granted to the Presiding Judge of Lynnwood Municipal Court pursuant to GR 29, this Emergency Order is effective January 27, 2022, and shall remain in effect unless renewed, modified, or rescinded by the Lynnwood Municipal Court Presiding Judge. Lynnwood Municipal Court will remain open, pending further Order of the Court.

Order

The Time for Trial provisions of CrRLJ 3.3 are suspended from the date of this order until the next court date after February 14, 2022, and further Order of the Court. This constitutes an excluded period under CrRLJ 3.3(e). CrRLJ 2.2(g) is suspended until further Order of the Court. Jury trials are suspended until at least the week of February 28, 2022. The continued high levels of COVID cases locally and statewide constitutes an "unavoidable circumstance" pursuant to CrRLJ 3.3(e)(8).

DONE this 27th day of January, 2022.



VALERIE S. BOUFFIOU
Presiding Judge