

IN THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re:)
Public Emergency Created by the) No. 2020-04
COVID-19 Virus)
_____)

WHEREAS the state of public-health emergency proclaimed by Governor Inslee on 29 February 2020 continues, and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Washington has authorized the Presiding Judges of the District and Municipal Courts to suspend court rules as necessary to promote the public safety while keeping the courts as open as possible, and

WHEREAS the latest indicators demonstrate that there is unreasonable danger in opening courthouse doors and resuming pre-pandemic operations, and

WHEREAS this court has taken steps to ensure continued access to justice while protecting the public safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court modifies and extends its previous emergency orders as follows:

1. Jury trials are suspended until after 1 August. It is not physically possible to gather a venire, empanel a jury and allow that jury to deliberate, while maintaining the social-distancing measures required by the pandemic. The time-for-trial rules pertaining to these cases is suspended accordingly.
2. In-custody criminal cases will be heard by video and/or telephonic link at 0800 on every court day.
3. Out-of-custody criminal cases will be heard by video and/or telephonic means. The oldest cases will be given priority in scheduling hearings. Motions seeking pretrial release or bail reduction and case dispositions anticipated to result in the release of the defendant will be given priority in scheduling. This programme will become effective on 15 June 2020.
4. Conditions of release, including no-contact orders, orders to surrender firearms, orders to install and use an ignition interlock device and to attach an alcohol-sensing device on one's body will be mailed to the defendant at the conclusion of the video/audio hearing.

5. All video and/or telephonic hearings will be recorded, and the recordings made available to the public.

6. Agreed motions may be submitted to the Court in writing without the defendant's signature provided that the defendant agrees to them. Defense counsel will provide notice of new trial or hearing dates to their clients.

7. All infractions will be heard by either electronic submission or written submission only.

DONE this ____ day of June 2020.

STEPHEN E. MOORE
Presiding Judge