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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR KLICKITAT/SKAMANIA COUNTY

IN RE THE KLICKITAT/SKAMANIA  
COUNTY SUPERIOR AND THE  
PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF THE NOVEL  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)  
  
(COURT MASKING AND SOCIAL  
DISTANCING)

: Case No.: *20-2-00003-30*  
: SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY  
: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
: RE: COURT MASKING AND SOCIAL  
: DISTANCING IN COURTROOM

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Washington; and on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak across the United States; and

WHEREAS, during this state of emergency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Washington State Department of Health have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and encouraged vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces; and

WHEREAS, consistent with these recommendations, Governor Inslee issued and extended a "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order directing non-essential businesses to

1 close, banning public gatherings, and requiring Washingtonians to stay home except to  
2 pursue essential activities; and

3 WHEREAS, many court facilities in Washington are ill-equipped to effectively  
4 comply with social distancing and other public health requirements and therefore  
5 continued in-person court appearances jeopardize the health and safety of litigants,  
6 attorneys, judges, court staff, and members of the public; and

7 WHEREAS given the significant number of identified and projected  
8 COVID-19 cases in Washington State, the severity of the risk posed to the public,  
9 court personnel and litigants, and the child care needs of potential jurors,  
10 witnesses, and other parties, and based upon the consistent and urgent advice of  
11 all public health experts that proactive “social distancing” and limiting public  
12 gatherings is essential to address the emergent healthcare concerns brought on  
13 by the COVID-19 outbreak:

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15 It is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to the authority of Washington State  
16 Supreme Court Orders related to addressing issues raised by the COVID-19  
17 pandemic and the authority as the Presiding Judge of both the Klickitat County  
18 and Skamania County Superior Courts:

19 The provisions of this order are effective until August 31, 2020, or until  
20 modified or rescinded by further court order. The provisions of this order shall  
21 supplement the previously issued emergency orders issued by this court.

- 22 1. All persons attending court proceedings at the Skamania County  
23 Superior Court courtroom shall wear a mask and social distance while  
24 in the gallery/seating area. Social distancing (also called “physical  
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1 distancing”) shall require all persons to maintain at least 6 foot distance  
2 from all other persons other than those in your household.

- 3 2. All persons attending court proceedings at the Skamania County  
4 Superior Court courtroom shall adhere to social distancing  
5 requirements while in front of the bar. If persons are unable to socially  
6 distance while in front of the bar, they shall be required to wear a mask  
7 until they are able to safely social distance.  
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9 3. Court staff shall have the authority to (a) exclude persons exhibiting  
10 symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, persistent cough, or  
11 shortness of breath; (b) direct persons entering the courtroom the  
12 locations within the courtroom where they may and may not be seated;  
13 and/or (c) temporarily deny access to the courtroom for individuals  
14 refusing to comply with the terms of this order or in an effort to ensure  
15 social distancing within the seating area/gallery.

16 DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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19 Randall C. Krog, Presiding Judge of  
20 Klickitat/Skamania County Superior  
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