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**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
 COUNTY OF CLALLAM**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY  
 CLALLAM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN  
 WASHINGTON STATE**

**NO. 22-2-00001-05**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER**  
 January 28, 2022

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in Washington State related to Covid-19.

The court incorporates, by this reference and as a basis for the following order, the orders and guidance of the Washington State Supreme Court, this court's prior orders to the extent they are consistent with this order, the mandates and guidance from the Washington State Governor, the binding and suggested directives and guidance from federal, state, and local health and public safety officers.

The court has taken significant steps to ensure the safety of those who participate in jury trials in Clallam County. These steps include the following:

1. Allowing potential jurors to automatically postpone their jury service based upon their own or family member's medical needs.
2. Arranging a process for jury selection that allows for physical distancing to be maintained.
3. Altering the configuration of the courtrooms to allow jurors, parties, and witnesses in a trial to maintain physical distancing during all phases of the trial.

1 4. Requiring the wearing of personal protective equipment by all participants in jury  
2 trials.

3 5. Ongoing consultation with local health officials to ensure that the implemented  
4 processes are sufficient to respond to the ongoing health crisis.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

6 All criminal jury trials are suspended through March 13, 2022, with trials  
7 recommencing on March 14, 2022. For criminal trials affected by this order, the parties are  
8 directed to appear in court on their next scheduled court date for purposes of resetting the trial.  
9 A continuance of criminal trials is required in the administration of justice. The court finds that  
10 the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause to continue criminal trials, and  
11 constitutes an unavoidable circumstance under CrR 3.3(e)(8). The time between the date of this  
12 order and March 13, 2022 shall be EXCLUDED when calculating time for trial for all criminal  
13 cases.  
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15 The court's prior order continuing civil jury trials is reaffirmed. For civil jury trials  
16 affected by this order, the parties are to present an agreed order with a new trial date, or  
17 alternatively schedule a trial setting to occur on the normal trial setting calendar.

18 The court will continue to conduct bench trials in person.

19 The courtrooms continue to remain open. However, the Court strongly encourages  
20 remote appearance for all motion hearings unless the nature of the hearing requires in person  
21 attendance or where remote attendance is not possible based upon individual circumstances.  
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