

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SPOKANE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE)
BY SPOKANE COUNTY DISTRICT)
COURT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH)
EMERGENCY (COVID-19))
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NO. 11 AMENDMENT TO
EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 1

**EMERGENCY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington has declared a state of emergency in all counties of Washington due to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19); and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Spokane County, the Mayor of the City of Spokane and the Spokane Regional Health District have also declared a state of emergency in Spokane County due to the same public health concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-618 suspending all civil and criminal jury trials until after July 6, 2020, in addition to granting emergency authority

to this Court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and order and to take further actions regarding court operations as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, April 2, 202 and May 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington has added additional restrictions on the citizens of the State of Washington due to the declared state of emergency concerning the Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19) with his Proclamations; and

WHEREAS, this Court issued its Emergency Order No. 1 and Amendments to that Order Nos. 1-10,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. Any person who is physically ill or in quarantine shall not enter the Courthouse;
2. Staff and visitors are expected to practice good hygiene by washing hands frequently or by using hand sanitizer when hand washing is unpracticable;
3. Frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned by disinfectant or other approved method;
4. Social distancing measures will be strictly enforced to the greatest extent practicable in all courtrooms and public areas in the courthouse. Courtrooms and court administration areas have been equipped with social distancing markers and signage to illustrate appropriate distancing. Each individual courtroom will have a limited capacity due to social distancing.
5. All persons entering any and all Spokane District Courtrooms shall be required to wear a mask, unless exempted under paragraph #6 below. Individual actively participating in a court proceeding may remove their masks if they wish. The Court may also direct the removal of masks worn by active participants to facilitate clear communication and due process. "Active participant" includes those seated at counsel tables, witnesses, judge and court staff.

6. Pursuant to the face covering directive issued by the local health office order, the following individuals do not need to wear a mask:
 - a) Any child aged two or less;
 - b) Any child aged twelve or less unless parents and caregiver supervise the use of face coverings by the child to avoid misuse;
 - c) Any individual who has a physical disability that prevents easily wearing or removing a face covering
 - d) Any individual who is hearing impaired and uses facial and mouth movements as part of communication or an individual who is communicating with a person who is hearing impaired and uses facial and mouth movements as part of communication;
 - e) Any individual who has been advised by a medical professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to that individual for health-related reasons;
 - f) Any individual who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

7. Spokane County District Court may adopt further restrictions as necessary to respond to the current state of emergency in order to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and will do so by further court order

DATED THIS THE 27th DAY OF MAY, 2020



Jeffrey R. Smith
Presiding Judge