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1 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF CLALLAM

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3 IN THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE BY
4 CLALLAM COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
5 TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN
6 WASHINGTON STATE

NO. 20-2-00001-05
EMERGENCY ORDER #4

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

9 The court incorporates, by this reference and as a basis for the following order, the
10 orders and guidance of the Washington State Supreme Court, the mandates and guidance from
11 the Washington State Governor, and the binding directives and guidance from federal, state,
12 and local health and public safety officers.

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

- 15 1. Allowing potential jurors to automatically postpone their jury service based upon
16 their own or family member's medical needs.
- 17 2. Arranging a location for jury selection that allows for physical distancing to be
18 maintained.
- 19 3. Altering the configuration of the courtrooms to allow jurors, parties, and witnesses
20 in a trial to maintain physical distancing during all phases of the trial.
- 21 4. Requiring the wearing of personal protective equipment by all participants in jury
22 trials.
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1 5. Consulting with local health officials to ensure that the implemented processes are
2 sufficient to respond to the ongoing health crisis.

3 Within this context, the court has carefully considered the significant increase in the
4 number of Clallam County citizens testing positive during the last seven days.

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

6 All jury trials scheduled to occur from Wednesday, August 19, 2020, through Monday,
7 September 7, 2020, are postponed until after September 7, 2020.

8 For criminal trials affected by this order, the parties are directed to appear in court on
9 the Thursday prior to their scheduled trial date for purposes of resetting the trial. Individuals
10 who are not in custody will appear at 1:00 p.m., and individuals who are in custody will appear
11 at 3:00 p.m.

12 For civil trials affected by this order, the parties are to present an agreed order with a
13 new trial date, or alternatively schedule a trial setting to occur on the normal trial setting
14 calendar.
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16 The court will continue to conduct bench trials and other motion calendars as previously
17 ordered.

18 DATED this 18 day of August, 2020.

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20 BRENT BASDEN
21 JUDGE