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SUPERIOR COURT OF WA.
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF MASON**

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE) AMENDED
TO A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH)
) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
)
) RE: MITIGATION

NO. 22-2-00002-23

THIS MATTER has come before the Court Sua Sponte, the Court finds as follows:

The Supreme Court of Washington has issued emergency orders regarding Superior Court operations in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The orders have found that the serious danger posed by COVID-19 is good cause grant ongoing emergency authority to this court to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current state of emergency; and

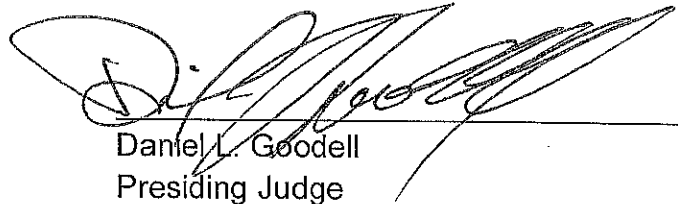
The Court entered an Administrative Order Re: Mitigation on June 9, 2020. The Order was based upon concerns expressed by various agencies and government authorities, including the Mason County Director of Community Services, regarding the COVID-19 virus in the community. The Court has remained in contact with the Mason County Director of Community Services who has signified a reduction of the COVID-19 virus in the community and related health concerns related to court appearances.

Based upon the above and adopting the further findings as set forth in the above-described Supreme Court orders, the Mason County Superior Court is taking the following actions and entering the following Orders:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Amendment to the Administrative Order Re: Mitigation dated June 9, 2020.**
The Mason County Superior Administrative Order Re: Mitigation, entered on June 9, 2020, is amended and restated as set forth below:
2. Any person who is sick or in quarantine status shall not enter the Courthouse.
3. Staff and visitors are expected to practice good hygiene by washing hands frequently or by using hand sanitizer when hand washing is not practicable.
4. Social distancing measures will be strictly enforced to the greatest extent practicable in all Courtrooms and public areas in the Courthouse. Each individual courtroom will have a limited capacity due to social distancing.
5. Persons entering the Superior Court Courtrooms will no longer be required to wear a mask. Masks will be made available to those entering the Courthouse, however the wearing of a mask will be discretionary. 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.

DATED this 11th day of March, 2022.


Daniel L. Goodell
Presiding Judge