

MASON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
GENERAL DOCKET EMERGENCY SCHEDULING AND PROCEDURES
COVID-19 PLAN

Pursuant to WA Supreme Court Order NO. 25700-B-602, the Mason County Superior Court has determined that the following procedures are necessary to ensure the health and safety of persons accessing or working in the court systems.

The parties and their representative on all of the following dockets will appear telephonically:

1. Monday: Domestic Pro Se*; Civil Calendar; At Risk Youth/CHINS; Dependency Publication.
2. Tuesday: Drug Court.
3. Wednesday: Probate/Guardianship; State Family Law; Domestic with Attorney*.
4. Thursday: Family Recovery Court; Veterans' Court; Mental Health Court
5. Friday: Non-Parent Custody

* Party(s) must provide the Court with Interrogatories for all final Dissolution hearings.

The following dockets will be suspended (will not be held) until the week of April 13, 2020:

1. Monday: Dependency Legally Free.
2. Tuesday: Truancy.
3. Wednesday: Adoption.
4. Thursday: AM Dependency; PM Dependency**

**Those hearings on the Thursday AM Dependency and PM Dockets that relate to the setting of Dependency Fact-Finding Hearings shall be heard telephonically.

Ex Parte matters will be considered by the Court upon receipt, depending upon the availability of the judicial officers. The judicial officers will determine whether the matter will need to be heard on the record or whether the request can be resolved without going on the record. If an Ex Parte matter needs to be heard on the record, it will be heard on the next available docket time under the regular schedule (Weekday mornings at 9:00 a.m., Weekday afternoons Monday-Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays at 3:00 p.m.)

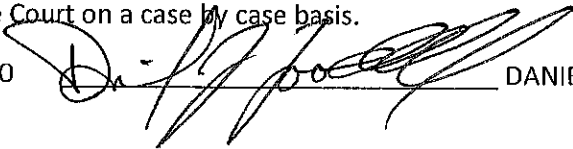
Daily Protection Order Dockets: Parties will appear telephonically at the initial scheduled hearing. Issues related to telephonic appearances and testimony regarding evidentiary hearings on Petitions for Protection Orders will be decided by the judicial officer assigned to the case.

All Civil bench trials that are currently scheduled between the current date and April 10, 2020, will be continued, subject to special consideration of the Court.

All Civil jury trials that are currently scheduled between the current date and April 10, 2020, will be continued.

Personal Appearance of parties and witnesses on Dependency Shelter Care and Fact Finding hearings will be determined by the Court on a case by case basis.

ADOPTED: March 16, 2020



DANIEL L. GOODELL, Presiding Judge