

IN THE KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON AND THE CITIES OF AUBURN, BEAUX ARTS,  
BELLEVUE, BURIEN, CARNATION, COVINGTON, DUVALL, KENMORE, REDMOND,  
SAMMAMISH, SHORELINE, SKYKOMISH AND VASHON ISLAND

IN THE MATTER OF THE EMERGENCY ) EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE TO THE THREAT TO PUBLIC ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
HEALTH. )  
) NO. 13-2021  
)  
Extending No. 12-2021

This matter comes before the Court on the public health emergency in King County:

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee and the Washington State Supreme Court declared a State of Emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID – 19);

WHEREAS, the Washington Supreme Court State of Emergency for courts in the State of Washington is ongoing despite the availability of treatments and a vaccine to help prevent or mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus if contracted;

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus and its identified variants remain a highly transmissible airborne disease posing serious health risks to vulnerable and unvaccinated populations;

WHEREAS, the Washington State Supreme Court has deferred the authority to set safety guidelines and protocols to individual courts and encouraged the setting of safety protocols consistent with State and other available local public health guidance.

WHEREAS, the King County District Court is a high volume court with multiple locations throughout the County and is not requiring persons to be vaccinated to enter courthouse or courtroom locations or to access essential court services; therefore, District Court must continue to take precautions to keep all employees, jurors, court users, and all members of the general public who enter its locations safe;

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health (DOH) continues to provide guidance that vaccinations, the use of masks and social distancing remain the most

effective means to protect against the novel coronavirus, and, the rate of infection and hospitalizations in the King County and surrounding areas remains high;

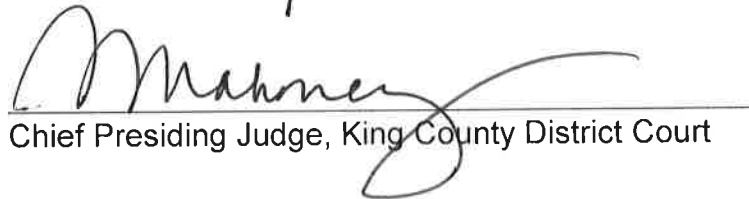
WHEREAS, King County District Court is an independent and essential branch of government integral to a functioning democracy and provides for the orderly and lawful resolution of disputes, and plays an essential role in maintaining public safety and in ensuring the equal and unbiased application of the law and adherence to the State and Federal Constitutions; and,

WHEREAS, King County District Court is committed to the fair and equal treatment of all persons and to following principles of equity and social justice to ensure due process and equal access, free of economic, social, or procedural barriers, for all persons, regardless of their circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED:

The provisions of Emergency Administrative Order 12-2021 are extended through until October 31, 2021 or unless a new Order issues prior to 10/31/2021.

DATED this 3 day of Sept, 2021.

  
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Chief Presiding Judge, King County District Court