



FAMILY LAW DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS – NEXT PHASE

WE ARE NOW HEARING NON-EMERGENCY MATTERS, including:

- As of June 4th, the Trial by Affidavit calendars are resuming
- As of June 8th, all motions to be noted to assigned judges and Chief UFC per Local Family Law Rule 5 may be noted and the State calendars will resume
- As of June 11th, motions for temporary orders, temporary restraining orders and adequate cause for parenting plan modification can be noted on the Family Law Motions Calendar
- Motions for adequate cause in nonparental custody cases, relocation and UCCJEA matters, and emergency motions that cannot be set on the Family Law Calendar can all be noted to assigned judges and Chief UFC
- As of July 6th, motions to adjust child support may be set on the Family Law Motions Calendar
- As of July 20th, all motions may be set on the Family Law Motions Calendar per LFLR 5
- Return on Warrant hearings, Writs of Habeas Corpus, Emancipation may be set per the rules
- The Weapons Surrender Calendar continues will continue to operate by telephone and video

All hearings are being conducted telephonically or by video. Please see family law web pages for additional information: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family.aspx>. The Local Family Law Rules continue to apply regarding how and where to set hearings except as set out in Emergency Rule 18.

AGREED ORDERS

Agreed orders may be submitted to the Ex Parte Department through Ex Parte Via the Clerk (EPVC), as otherwise permitted by Ex Parte Department policies, or as directed by your assigned judge.

AGREED DIVORCE FINALIZATION

Contact the Family Law Facilitator's office for instructions and documentation needed to have your divorce finalized.

- For Kent Cases call: 206-477-2781
- For Seattle cases call: 206-477-2553

ASSISTANCE FOR SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES AND FAMILY LAW SERVICES

Many services for self-represented parties, including mediation, parenting evaluations, assistance from the Family Law Facilitators, are being conducted by telephone and e-mail. See Family Law web pages for more information. <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family.aspx>.

Trials will be conducted by video unless in-person is authorized by the judge:

- Cases involving children will resume **July 20th** but in compelling circumstances may be set between June 8th and July 20th.
- Dissolutions without children may resume **June 8th**.

Judge will be conducting pretrial conferences and status conferences to address scheduling issues and the format of trials.

These procedures are in effect until August 31, 2020, but may be extended.