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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER OF	)
THE RESPONSE BY SNOHOMISH	) NO. 2021-7009-31-A
COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TO THE	)
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN	) FOURTH ADDENDUM TO
SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND THE STATE OF	) EMERGENCY ORDER #15
WASHINGTON	) RE: COURT OPERATIONS
	) PARAGRAPHS 1, 5,8, AND 9
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**PREAMBLE**

All preambles included in all previous versions of Emergency Orders re: Court Operations and all Addendums, Amendments, and Clarifications thereto are incorporated herein in their entirety; and

Pursuant to the authority given to this Court through Washington State Supreme Court Orders 25700-B-602 through B-646 (and any superseding or modified orders) and the authority granted to the Presiding Judge of Snohomish County Superior Court pursuant to GR 29, this Fourth Addendum to Emergency Order #15 shall be in effect according to the dates set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. **Paragraph 1, relating to masks** is amended to read as follows,:

Except as set out in this section, any person who shall enter a Snohomish County Superior Court courtroom or the public areas of the Administrative Offices for the Snohomish County Court MUST wear a mask over the person's mouth and nostrils at least until April 1, 2022, notwithstanding the rescission of any mask requirements by Governor Jay Inslee, Department of Health, or Labor and Industries or different rules pertaining to non-court controlled areas of the courthouse building. Failure to wear such a covering may result in the person being denied entry into these locations. Judicial officers shall have the discretion to require N-95/KN-95 masks rather than cloth or surgical masks or other coverings. In any case, N-95/KN-95 masks shall be required in jury trials except that a witness, while testifying, shall wear a clear mask. In those areas, parents must ensure their minor children who have reached the age of two (2) are wearing masks. Children who have not reached the age of two and people whose lips must be seen to perform necessary interpretation services for the hearing impaired are exempt from this provision. Judicial officers shall have the right to determine whether there is good cause to waive the requirement. Persons who believe they may have a disability that permits such a waiver may consult the ADA Accommodation webpage, <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/509/ADA-Accommodations> or may contact Lisa Galvin in Court Administration at 425/388-3369.

**Paragraph 5, relating to civil trials tried to jury or bench** is amended as follows:

Through April 30, 2022, all stages of civil trials will remain presumptively remote, reverting to presumptively in-person May 1, 2022. As of that date, civil trials, including jury selection, shall be presumed in-person unless (a) all parties or counsel stipulate in

writing that all or a portion of the trial will be conducted remotely, and such stipulation is approved by the Court upon a finding of good cause, or (b) the Court grants a motion requesting that one or more parties, witnesses, or counsel be permitted to appear remotely. Motions to approve a stipulation or grant a motion for remote appearance shall be noted on the Presiding Judge's Motion calendar at least 21 days before the trial date. When permitted, remote trials and remote jury selection shall be conducted in a manner consistent with Remote Protocols developed by the Court and published on the Court's website.

All other provisions of this paragraph not inconsistent with the above remain in full force and effect.

2. **Paragraph 8, relating to the civil trial calendar** is amended as follows: Effective May 1, parties appearing on the Civil Trial Calendar shall do so in-person, except where there has been an order permitting a case to proceed remotely. Until March 28, 2022, parties appearing remotely shall appear at the 9:00 a.m. Civil Trial Calendar via telephone by dialing 425/388-5444 and entering Conference ID 7507340. Beginning on March 28, and until May 1, 2022, parties appearing remotely shall appear at the 9:00 a.m. Civil Trial Calendar on Zoom by either dialing 253/215-8782 on a telephone, or by means of zoom application. Whether by telephone or application, parties must then enter Meeting ID 91326272574 and pass code 372669.
3. **Paragraph 9, relating to the Judges' Civil Motion Calendar** is amended as follows:  
  
Civil motions on the Judges' Civil Motions Calendar, Tuesday through Friday, shall be considered on written materials submitted without oral argument, except as requested

by the assigned judge, *only through April 30*. Beginning May 3, 2022, civil motions on the Judges' Civil Motions Calendar shall be presumed to be heard with oral argument. Lawyers and pro-se parties will then be expected to appear at 9:30, by zoom or in person, to present argument unless they will have submitted an agreed order or unless the assigned judge shall have indicated, via communication from a law clerk, that the lawyers or pro-se parties need not appear. In that event, parties can expect a communication from a law clerk by 4:30 two days before the date scheduled for argument. Lawyers or pro-se parties who have brought a motion and do not appear to present it may find the motion stricken. Appearances may be by zoom provided the person appearing has a reliable device with good connectivity and provided the person appearing is in a place without distractions or noise. Persons participating by zoom must be familiar with the protocols for use and may find the zoom meeting information on the superior Court website at <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5739/Civil-Matters>. Participants are reminded that appearances by zoom require the same dress and decorum and conventions of respect due the court and counsel as appearances in person.

All provisions of Emergency Order # 15 which are not superseded by this or any previous addendum shall remain in full force and effect.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022

  
Judge George F.B. Appel  
Presiding Judge