

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR BENTON COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE RESPONSE) No. 20-004
BY BENTON COUNTY DISTRICT COURT)
TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY) EMERGENCY ORDER
IN BENTON COUNTY) re: Criminal Matters
AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON)

EFFECTIVE: June 22, 2020

The public health emergency in Washington State posed by the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) continues to evolve and requires modification of Emergency Order #20-001 (issued March 18, 2020) and Emergency Order #20-003 (issued April 9, 2020). The above orders are incorporated by reference and modified consistent with Washington State Supreme Court Order dated May 28, 2020, No. 25700-B-626, Section 8. Effective June 22, 2020, it is ordered as follows:

1. All criminal hearings will be held as scheduled. Parties must appear unless an agreed order of continuance is filed with the court at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing. If an agreed order of continuance has been filed with the court but the case remains on the calendar, all parties must still appear.
2. Agreed continuances will not be accepted on Domestic Violence or DUI/Physical Control Cases. Parties must appear on these cases.
3. The Cover Sheet for the Remote Disposition of Cases must still be filed with the court 24 hours before a regularly scheduled docket or a special set docket. The Cover Sheet and Instructions for filing the electronic dispositions are found at: <https://www.co.benton.wa.us/pview.aspx?id=21109&catid=45>
4. Cases may be specially set off the regularly scheduled dockets on Mondays or Fridays with 24-hour notice.
5. Parties may appear by telephone, video conference, or in person. In-person hearings require social distancing and other public health measures. Masks are required to be worn in the courtrooms.
6. Instructions for telephone and video conferences are found at: <https://www.co.benton.wa.us/pview.aspx?id=21109&catid=45>

DATED this 16th day of June, 2020.



Presiding Judge Terry Tanner