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3 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR LEWIS COUNTY

4 In Re:

5 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION LIMITING
6 COURT OPERATIONS RESULTING
7 FROM PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

GENERAL ORDER NO.

GR 21 DATED 6/12/2020

8 This Order supplements and modifies the prior General Orders of this court issued in
9 response to COVID-19. All other provisions of the Prior General Orders, not addressed
10 within this Order remain in full force and effect.

11 Based upon information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the
12 recommendations of the Public Health Officer for Lewis County as well as the Director of
13 Public Health for Lewis County, and the Orders of the Washington State Supreme Court,
14 the Lewis County Superior Court is taking the following actions (Orders):

15 JURY TRIALS

16 All jury trials currently scheduled for July, 2020 shall be rescheduled to a new date
17 after August 1, 2020.

18 All jurors for the months of June and July, 2020 are excused.

19 The continuance of these trials was necessitated by the need to find an alternate
20 location for jury orientation and jury selection.

21 Effective August 3, 2020, jury orientation and selection shall occur at the Community
22 Events Building located at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis, Washington.

- 23 1. The continuances ordered herein best serves the ends of justice and protects the
24 rights of those impacted by the continuances, including defendants.
- 25 2. Such continuances will not prejudice any defendant impacted and each case
26 impacted will, in addition to this order, be addressed on a case by case basis.

1 3. As to criminal jury trials, the court finds, pursuant to CrR 3.3(f), the continuances
2 are required in the administration of justice as the court has a reduced ability to
3 obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors for trials.

4 DATED this 12 day of June, 2020.

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8 JAMES W. LAWLER
9 ADMINISTRATIVE PRESIDING JUDGE
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