

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR ISLAND COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL COURTS FOR OAK HARBOR,
COUPEVILLE AND LANGLEY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE)
TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
) NO. 2022-0003
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FOR ALL OF THE REASONS previously stated in the Administrative Orders entered by this Court on January 7, 2022 and February 9, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the numbers of new coronavirus cases in Island County and in Washington State have declined significantly since February 9, 2022, as predicted by the Washington State Institute for Health Metrics computer models, and are currently lower than any time since July 2021, and

WHEREAS, there continue to be more than 100 new COVID cases per 100,000 in more than 80% of the counties in this country according to the Centers for Disease Control, and the pandemic is not over, the current level of COVID cases in Island County no longer justifies closing the court to in person hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Administrative Order entered by this Court on January 7, 2022, is hereby terminated, effective at the close of business February 25, 2022.
2. Effective 8:00 am Monday February 28, 2022, this Court will resume conducting all types of hearings in person for those who choose to participate in person. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, and except for contested hearings involving live testimony, all participants may choose to continue to participate by videoconferencing in all types of hearings. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, and if a participant is experiencing difficulties connecting by videoconference, the participant may participate by telephone.
3. This Court will resume conducting jury trials starting with the jury pool convened for the two week period of March 17-18 and March 24-25, 2022. All phases of a jury trial will be conducted in person.

4. Consistent with mandates and/or recommendations from the Washington State Department of Health and the Island county Public Health Department, all participants will be required to wear masks and to socially distance.

DATED, this 25th day of February, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Hawk", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

PRESIDING JUDGE