



**IN THE SUQUAMISH TRIBAL COURT
PORT MADISON INDIAN RESERVATION
SUQUAMISH, WASHINGTON**

IN RE THE SUQUAMISH TRIBAL COURT)
AND THE PANDEMIC OUTBREAK OF) **EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE**
THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE) **ORDER NO. 2020-8**
(COVID-19)) **REGARDING JURY TRIALS**
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This administrative order is being issued in response to the current pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Although for many this disease appears to cause only flu-like symptoms it can pose a serious and potentially lethal risk as exhibited by the increasing number of Washington deaths currently attributed to the disease. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization classified COVID-19 as a pandemic. On March 9, 2020, the Suquamish Tribal Council adopted Resolution #2020-048 declaring a Public Health Emergency, and implemented a plan for temporary remote tribal governmental operations. This plan restricted access to tribal governmental buildings and limited governmental operations. On May 11, 2020, the Suquamish Tribal Council passed resolution #2020-079 extending the plan for limited governmental operations to June 7, 2020. Government operations have resumed to a limited degree and can only be accessed by appointment.

COVID-19 rates have increased dramatically in Kitsap County in the recent weeks.

Current testing results show that over the past 14 days there have been more than 89.6 cases

per 100,000. Governor Inslee also recently issued new restrictions on gatherings, dining, retail, and other activities.

The Suquamish Tribal Council requires any plan to resume jury trials be approved by the Suquamish Tribe Emergency Operation Center. After considering the Tribe's current COVID-19 operational policy, NPI procedures, and current information from both Kitsap County and Washington State Departments of Health, the Emergency Operations Center does not approve resuming jury trials at this time. The Court is striving to address the needs of the community, while taking every precaution to keep community members healthy and prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The Court continues to develop procedures for the safe operation of the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby –

ORDERED that effective November 30, 2020, and until further Order of the Court –

1. All jury trials are suspended. Scheduling of jury trials will resume on February 1, 2021. Speedy trial for purposes of jury trials is tolled until February 28, 2021, and will begin running after that date. This date may be extended depending upon the status of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. Probation appointments will be conducted by telephone, or as directed by the probation officer. Any in person appointments will be conducted following the Suquamish Tribe's COVID-19 protocol.
3. The Court will accept emailed pleadings and motions at

suquamishcourt@suquamish.nsn.us

4. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the court clerks by email at suquamishcourt@suquamish.nsn.us or by phone at 360-394-8697.

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020

Cindy Smith

CHIEF JUDGE, CINDY K. SMITH

