

THURSTON COUNTY FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT HAS REDUCED ITS OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Thurston County Superior Court issued Administrative Emergency Order no. 1 on March 13, 2020, Administrative Emergency Order no. 2 on March 17, 2020, and Administrative Emergency Order no. 3 on March 20, 2020. Available at: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/sc>

The actions taken at Thurston County Superior Court are to ensure that the Court follows public health directives and protects the health and well-being of court employees, litigants, attorneys, and the general public.

Effective March 23, 2020: Reduced Operation Hours

Family and Juvenile Court: Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

The building is open during this time.

However, contact with court staff and participation in most court proceedings is by phone.

Court Administration

Email Contact information can be found at:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/sc>

360-709-3295

Updated information will continue to be posted on the Courts website:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/sc>

FJC Court Administration front counters may be closed effective March 23, 2020. We encourage all attorneys and parties to call or email court administration in order to keep social distancing.

If you are sick or ill or if you are caring for a sick or ill family member, please call (360) 709-3295 before you appear in person for court.

(360) 786-5560 • accessibilitysuperiorcourt@co.thurston.wa.us

It is the policy of the Superior Court to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal and full access to the judicial system.

Only the Following Court Calendars are scheduled at FJC:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, & Fri:

1:30 p.m. – Motions for Initial Protection Orders*

1:30 p.m. - Hearings in Juvenile Respondents' Cases for juveniles held in Detention

2:00 p.m. - Shelter Care Hearings

2:30 p.m. - Emergency Motions in Dependency Cases

2:30 p.m. - Emergency Motions in Family Law Cases (Ex Parte Calendar)

1:30 p.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri - Involuntary Treatment Hearings

*this includes requests for initial domestic violence protection orders, sexual assault protection orders, anti-harassment protection orders, stalking protection orders, vulnerable adult protection orders, and extreme risk protection orders

All other calendars are suspended through May 15, 2020

Please check our website for the process to reschedule matters to be heard after May 15, 2020.

Additional Information Regarding Domestic Violence Protection Orders and Ex Parte (for Emergency Family Law motions, including Family Law Restraining Orders) Calendars

The Court will hear initial petitions for domestic violence protection orders, sexual assault protection orders, anti-harassment protection orders, stalking protection orders, vulnerable adult protection orders, and extreme risk protection orders **by telephone**. These hearings are scheduled for 1:30 pm each day.

The Court will hear motions for family law restraining orders **by telephone**. These hearings are scheduled for 2:30 pm each day (Ex Parte – Emergency Calendar).

If you do not already have a case filed, follow the Clerk’s office instructions to file a new case involving any of the above kinds of cases.

Before the Court can consider a motion in new or pending cases, the party or attorney must file any documents relevant to the motion, including a proposed order. This must occur prior to making a request to schedule a telephonic hearing.

Please ensure that if you are appearing telephonically, you file proposed orders ahead of time and call 360-709-3295 to make arrangements to appear by phone, as soon as possible but no later than 3:00 pm the day before your hearing, if possible.

All other hearings previously scheduled related to Protection Orders and Restraining Orders have been cancelled.

Protection Orders and family law Restraining Orders that expire between March 23-May 15, 2020, are extended for up to 28 days beyond May 15, 2020 (or the date this Court returns to normal operations).