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8 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK AND THE CITIES OF VANCOUVER,
WASHOUGAL AND CAMAS

10 In Re:

11 COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
12 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY
COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONOVIRUS

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. EAO 2022-1

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15 WHEREAS the Clark County District Court continues to operate under a State of
16 Emergency due to the continuing COVID-19 health pandemic.

17 WHEREAS the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 and the most recent Omicron
18 variant is highly contagious, and the implementation of protective measures have
19 necessitated changes to Clark County District Court operations.

20 WHEREAS Clark County District Court recognizes the essential nature of court
21 operations and the importance of ensuring access to courts under this health pandemic and
22 has implemented safety measures and procedures as recommended by the Washington
23 State Department of Public Health, infectious disease experts, and other public health
24 officials to continue its operations while mitigating the risk to Clark County District Court
25 staff and all court users.
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1 WHEREAS, tracking of positivity rates for COVID-19 reveals a significant local recent
2 increase in the spread of COVID-19, and in response Dr. Melnick of the Clark County
3 Department of Health has recommended a temporary suspension of jury trials to help
4 reduce the rate of infection and spread of the virus and its variants.

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6 WHEREAS, holding in-person jury trials brings additional groups of people into the
7 courthouse which can contribute to the spread of the virus, therefore, additional temporary
8 measures are needed to protect the health of jurors, staff and other court users.

9 Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective January 7, 2022:

10 Clark County District Court is suspending jury trials until the week of January 31st, 2022.
11 The increase in the spread of the virus and the omicron variant is an unavoidable
12 circumstance that necessitates the exclusion of the time beginning January 7, 2022 until the
13 next scheduled court date after February 1, 2022 from speedy trial calculations consistent
14 with CrRLJ 3.3. Furthermore, all jury trials currently scheduled before February 1, 2022 are
15 cancelled and shall be reset to a date when jury trials can be safely conducted again.

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17 Clark County District Court will continue all other calendar operations as currently
18 scheduled and encourages video hearings whenever possible and appropriate. Those
19 unable to participate by video may still physically appear for their court hearing with strict
20 adherence to public health guidelines.

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22 All other previous Administrative Orders remain in full effect, except as modified
23 herein. All provisions of this order may be extended or revised as conditions warrant.

24 Dated this 6th day of January, 2022.

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27 KELLI E. OSLER
28 PRESIDING JUDGE