

In cases when defendant is summoned for arraignment, arraignments shall be scheduled to the June dockets.

- b. Criminal hearings, except for DUI/Physical Control and Domestic Violence cases set in March, 2020 shall be heard as previously scheduled. Court will accept agreed motions to continue with a speedy trial waiver signed by the defendant without the defendant having to appear in court or telephonically. If defendant is unable to sign, please note agreement and means of notification. All hearings, other than DUI/Physical Control and DV, set between April 1st and June 1st shall be administratively continued on June dockets.
- c. Party signatures: The court will not require any defendant's signature on court orders. Instead, the order and docket notes will contain how the party received notice and copy of any applicable order. Counsel, if a party is represented, shall be responsible for providing copies of court orders to the party.
- d. Bench warrants will not be issued for any defendant who fails to appear for any criminal hearing, absent extraordinary circumstances.
- e. A defendant who contacts the Court by email or telephone seeking a hearing to quash an outstanding bench warrant will have any warrants quashed ex-parte by the Court in chambers so long as the defendant provides his or her current mailing address upon requesting the warrant quashing. This court shall also consider any danger to the community in determining if quashing a warrant is appropriate.
- f. Litigants and attorneys are encouraged to contact the Courts concerning court dates. Pend Oreille County District Court can be contact by email: districtcourt@pendoreille.org or by telephone (509) 447-4110/(800) 359-1506.
- g. Probation/Pre-trial Supervision:
 - i. All defendants required to check in with probation shall do so by telephone. Defendants are responsible to call into probation at previously set scheduled probation times.
 - ii. All court ordered testing for probation is hereby suspended until further notice.
 - iii. Any pre-trial testing shall remain in place. However, testing shall occur at a testing facility.

2. INFRACTIONS/CIVIL MATTERS:

- a. CRLJ6. Anyone with a pending infraction will continue to have the

option to submit written hearings request on-line or by mail. Anyone who receives an infraction is still required to respond to the notice of infraction within fifteen (15) days of the date the notice is personally served or, if the notice is served by mail, within eighteen (18) days of the date the notice is mailed. Respondents can continue to respond by mail, or email, or respond by submitting a written hearings request online within the time frame required.

- b. Court finds good cause to continue any currently set hearing 90 days. Any new filings will not be set for hearing earlier than June 16, 2020. Any plaintiff who may be prejudiced by such a continuance may submit a declaration to the court and the prosecutor's office for reconsideration.
- c. The following civil matters are all continued:
 - i. Infraction hearings (both contested and mitigation). To effectuate these continuances, IRLJ 2.6(a), (b), (d), (e), and (f) shall be suspended. The Court will continue to accept written statements submitted by mail or e-mail pursuant to IRLJ 2.6 (c).
 - ii. small claim hearings and trials.
 - iii. Civil preliminary trial hearings, motion hearings and trials.
 - iv. Name change hearings.
 - v. Impound of vehicle or vessel hearings.
 - vi. Impound of animals hearings.

Those cases that are currently scheduled shall be rescheduled by the District court Clerk's Office.

To effectuate all continuances implemented by this general order CrRLJ3.3, the Time for Trial rule for criminal matters, CrRLJ4.1 time for arraignment and the time for hearing on civil infractions under IRLJ 2.6 are hereby suspended. The Court specifically finds the ends of justice served by the continuance outweighs the best interest of the public and Defendant's right to a speedy trial due to the unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances caused by the above referenced public health emergency.

This order may be modified consistent with the Court's continual assessment of the needs of the community as well as the recommendations of public health officials.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2020.



Robin R. McCroskey
Pend Oreille County District Court Judge