

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 17, 2020
Contact: Presiding Judge Kevin D. Hull, Kitsap County Superior Court; or,
Frank Maiocco, Court Administrator
Phone: (360) 337-7140

Kitsap County Superior Court Closed March 18 through March 20, 2020 Due to COVID-19 Exposure

Port Orchard, WA – Due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 among a member of the Kitsap County Superior Court, the Superior Court Office will be closed to the public in the main Kitsap County Courthouse on 614 Division Street from Wednesday, March 18 through Friday, March 20, 2020 by General Administrative Order 2020-4.

Kitsap County Superior Court leaders were informed late Tuesday, March 17, 2020, that a member of the Superior Court Office has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual an adult male over the age of 60, has not been at the courthouse since Thursday, March 12, 2020.

When this individual left the Courthouse on Thursday, March 12th he was not feeling sick and did not have any symptoms of illness. When he awoke on Friday, March 13th he had a piercing cough and a temperature exceeding 100 degrees. He was advised to not return to the Kitsap County Courthouse until he received a negative COVID-19 test or was cleared by a physician.

On Tuesday, March 17th at approximately 5:38 pm, this individual, immediately after receiving the positive test result, notified the Kitsap County Superior Court Presiding Judge Kevin Hull and Court Administrator Frank Maiocco. While the Kitsap County Health District is not advising our office to close, we are doing so in an abundance of caution to allow the Kitsap Public Health District an opportunity to identify those persons who may had close-contact with this individual. If you are identified as a close-contact individual then you will be contacted by the Kitsap Public Health District. Court representatives have been, and will continue, to consult with the Kitsap Public Health District.

In-custody defendants booked in the Kitsap County Jail with felony charges between March 17, 2020 and March 20, 2020 will be assigned to one of the Elected Judges Pro Tempore in the Kitsap County District Court as set forth by Washington Administrative Rule 6.

After this week's closure, the Kitsap County Superior Court will resume operations in conjunction with Emergency Administrative Orders issued beginning March 13, 2020. Limited operations have been initiated to reduce the number of people who need to come to the courthouse while still meeting the court's constitutional obligations.

Kevin Hull
Presiding Judge
Kitsap County Superior Court