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NISQUALLY TRIBAL COURT EMERGENCY STANDING ORDER

Recognizing the state of emergency declared by the Nisqually Indian Tribe due to the COVID-19 virus, this emergency standing order shall be in effect for Nisqually Tribal Court immediately, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Nisqually Tribal Court Chief Judge. This Order shall apply to all persons transacting business with Nisqually Tribal Court and shall include but is not limited to attorneys, parties, witnesses, and jurors.

1. Courthouse Access
 - a. Only parties, attorneys, and witnesses who have business with the court will be permitted inside the courtroom. Those individuals will be screened before entering for symptoms/signs of the COVID-19 virus. Anyone showing signs of illness or feeling ill shall not enter the Nisqually Public Safety Complex or the courtroom.
2. Civil Matters and Youth Court
 - a. All civil matters currently scheduled for court hearings shall be continued by the court for a minimum time period of forty-five (45) days. The court will provide notices of new court dates to parties in these matters.
 - b. No new hearings shall be set, unless necessary to address emergency petitions or motions.
 - c. Emergency hearings shall be held telephonically; all parties shall appear telephonically and the court will provide the parties with call-in information ahead of the hearing.
3. Criminal matters
 - a. The court finds good cause to continue all criminal matters, including all jury trials, for a minimum of forty-five (45) days which shall be considered an excluded time period for purposes of speedy trial.
 - b. All essential criminal in-custody hearings, including first appearances on mandatory arrest charges, shall be conducted telephonically.
 - c. Any party wishing to continue their currently set criminal matter out longer than forty-five (45) days may execute a speedy trial waiver and request new court dates which will be provided to the parties by the court.
4. Filings
 - a. The court shall accept all court filings, including emergency petitions and motions, either via email at bryk.jamie@nisqually-nsn.gov; brown.lynette@nisqually-nsn.gov; and davis.angelita@nisqually-nsn.gov or via U.S. Mail sent to: Nisqually Tribal Court, attn.: Clerk's Office, 11702 Yelm Highway S.E., Olympia, WA 98513.
 - b. The court shall also accept emergency petitions or motions filed in-person at the courthouse, in compliance with the public health restrictions in place at the Nisqually Public Safety Complex. Emergency petitions or motions include, but are not limited to,

requests for domestic violence protection orders, restraining orders, emergency child custody, protection of a vulnerable adult, or emergency pick-up order for a child.

- c. Upon request, the court shall distribute court orders and other documents to parties and attorneys electronically.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.



The Honorable Judge Anita Neal
Nisqually Tribal Court Chief Judge