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PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re

COURTROOM OPERATIONS UNDER
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY IN WASHINGTON STATE

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 2022-3

WHEREAS, Pierce County District Court continues to operate under a State of
Emergency due to the continuing COVID-19 health pandemic;

WHEREAS, Court operations are deemed an “essential” function pursuant to the
Governor’s pandemic proclamation and Pierce County District Court is governed by the laws of
the State of Washington and the Washington Supreme Court’s Emergency Orders;

WHEREAS, on July 30th, 2021, Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice,
Steven Gonzalez, informed Presiding Judges that “nothing prevents you as Presiding Judges
and Court Administrators from enacting more enhanced restrictions depending upon your local
public metrics or other local conditions”;

1 WHEREAS, the health conditions that have impaired Court proceedings around the
2 State have improved. At the time of this Order, the Tacoma- Pierce County Health Department.
3 reported a 14-day case rate per 100,000 of 67.6.
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5 WHEREAS, Pierce County District Court has implemented safety protocols
6 consistent with public health experts to reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus;

7 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2022, the Governor's indoor mask mandate was lifted.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED EFFECTIVE MONDAY,
9 APRIL 11th, 2022:
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- 11 1. All persons entering any Pierce County District Court courtroom and staff entering
12 courtrooms and/or administrative areas will no longer be required to wear face coverings.
13 The Court maintains the right to require face coverings if they determine it will further
14 the interest of public health and safety.
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- 16 2. All court proceedings held virtually/remotely, in the Court's discretion, will be live-
17 streamed and accessible through the Court's website.
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- 19 3. Courtrooms will remain open for court proceedings held in person.
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21 DATED this 11th day of April, 2022.

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25 Hon. Jeanette A. Lineberry
26 Presiding Judge
27 Pierce County District Court
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