

Pierce County Superior Court Inclement Weather Operational Policies

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The Pierce County Superior Court functions at the County City Building, Remann Hall (Juvenile Court) and Western State Hospital. Unless a Court Closure Order is signed by the Presiding Judge all of these facilities will be operational during normal business hours. If there is a Court Closure Order it will be posted on our website and sent out through the County's social media sites.

Even in the absence of a Court Closure Order not all departments may be operational during all normal business hours. Thus depending on how driving/weather conditions may effect a particular court's scheduled proceedings, individual judges may delay or otherwise alter operational hours in their respective court rooms.

Further, our Judicial Officers understand that not everyone may be able to make their court hearings at the scheduled time. Therefore, they do have the intention of being flexible. Please understand that judges must balance this accommodation with a policy of allowing proceedings to move forward if all parties can be safely present. The challenge during inclement weather events is to not submit anyone to unreasonable risks while striving to hear all matters that have been scheduled on a given day.

Pierce County Superior Court takes the safety of county employees and court participants very seriously. For those that feel that weather conditions are such that they cannot safely make it to court for a hearing at the scheduled court time they must call the court using the contact information listed below. This rule is applies to all, including attorneys, defendants, witness, litigant, jurors, etc.,

- If you are currently in trial or scheduled for a hearing in front of a judge, contact the judicial assistant for that department.
- If you have a hearing set before the Commissioners, please contact the Commissioner Services Department at (253)798-6697.
- For all other criminal matters, contact Criminal Administration at (253)798-2988.
- For all matters at Remann Hall, please contact Juvenile Court Administration at (253)798-7900.
- For all matters at Western State Hospital, please contact the County Clerk's Office at (253)756-2951.
- Jurors not assigned a department should call Jury Administration at (253)798-7782 and follow the instructions on the recording.
- Jurors assigned to a department should call the number provided by the judicial assistant.

For more inclement weather related information, please visit our website at <http://co.pierce.wa.us/superiorcourt>.

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