

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

ORDER GOVERNING BONNEVILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONDUCT DUE TO COVID-19	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-02
---	---

Pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 45(d), and the Idaho Supreme Court’s Order dated October 8, 2020 In Re: Emergency Reduction in Court Services and Limitation of Access to Court Facilities (“ISC Order), the Administrative District Judge has authority to promulgate rules governing audio/visual recordings and media coverage within a courthouse and outside of a courtroom, and to impose restrictions and limitations on the manner in which courthouses are utilized during COVID-19. The purpose of the Rule and the ISC Order is to avoid activity that would be disruptive to court operations, impede the activity of citizens who have business within the courthouse, or might compromise courthouse security as well as to provide for the safety of court personnel, litigants and the public during COVID-19.

Accordingly, as to the Bonneville County Courthouse and any hearing or court proceeding held therein:

1. No member of the media shall conduct conferences, interviews, or news reporting inside the courthouse, including from the courthouse hallways or other common areas. Any conferences, interviews or reporting from the courthouse grounds shall be done in a manner not impede foot traffic on the sidewalks in front of the Courthouse or obstruct access to the Courthouse.
2. Access by the public and media to the courthouse facilities shall be subject to social distancing and COVID-19 precautionary procedures, including limiting the number of people allowed into the courthouse. Court personnel and security personnel shall have the discretion to limit the number of people entering and gathering in the Bonneville County Courthouse in order to ensure proper COVID-19 social distancing and other safety measures are observed. Violations of this Order may subject the violator to a charge of contempt.

3. The clerk shall post this Order at conspicuous locations within the courthouse and provide copies to all interested parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This order shall be effective as of February 8, 2021.



Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr.
Administrative District Judge

7th Judicial District Elected Clerks
7th Judicial District Magistrate & District Judges
Tammie D. Whyte, Trial Court Administrator
Idaho Supreme Court, Sara Omundson, AOC