

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

ORDER RE: POSTPONEMENT OF  
JURY TRIALS AND GRAND JURY  
PROCEEDINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
AUGUST 30, 2021 AND MANDATORY  
SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE BUTTE,  
& TETON COUNTY COURT  
FACILITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2021-25

Dane H. Watkins, Jr., Administrative District Judge of the Seventh Judicial District hereby finds and Orders as follows:

WHEREAS on June 25, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Amended Order entitled "EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING COURT SERVICES." Said Order contained the following requirements and prohibitions:

2. **Administrative District Judges Authorized to Issue Orders Regarding Courthouse and Courtroom Risk Reduction Protocols in Their Districts:** if, as reflected in [the Weekly Publication of COVID-19 Incidence Rates], a county's seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 is 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population, the Administrative District Judge shall enter an administrative order defining the safety protocols that will be required in the county's courthouse. The Order will at a minimum, require all persons entering the courthouse to do court business to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and maintain six feet of social distance from anyone that does not live in their household.

and;

7. **Weekly COVID-19 Incidence Rate Jury Trial Postponements:** Jury proceedings, including jury trials and grand jury proceedings, may commence anytime during a calendar week unless the Administrative District Judge has determined that the County in which the average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 of 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population as reflected on the Cases by County page of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's COVID-19 Data Dashboard available at [www.coronavirus.idaho.gov](http://www.coronavirus.idaho.gov).

and;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr. finds that the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 is 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population in Butte County and Teton County as of August 20, 2021.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings in Butte and Teton counties are suspended for the week of August 30, 2021.

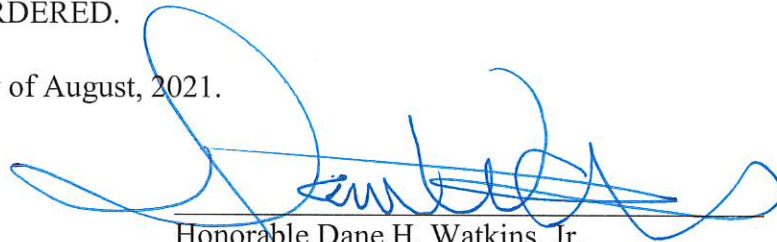
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the Butte and Lemhi County Court Facilities on court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols;

2. All persons entering the Butte or Teton County Courthouses for court business are required to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth.
3. All persons must maintain a minimum of six feet of social distancing from anyone that does not live in their household.

**This order as it pertains to number 2 and 3 above is to remain in effect in Butte and Teton counties until the seven-day moving average incidence rate falls below 25.0, as determined by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's COVID-19 Data Dashboard.**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Dated this 20 day of August, 2021.



Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr.  
Administrative District Judge  
Seventh Judicial District

Cc:  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Elected Clerks  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Lead Clerks  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Magistrate & District Judges  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Reporters  
Tammie D. Whyte, Trial Court Administrator  
Sara Omundson, ADOC, Idaho Supreme Court

# COVID-19 Incidence Trends for Safety Protocol Considerations

For the week of August 20, 2021 (August 12-August 19)

		7-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate			
	County	Prior Week	Current Week	Trend	Order for Safety Protocols
First District	Benewah	29.2	36.9	Upward	Yes
	Bonner	21.2	25.9	Upward	Yes
	Boundary	24.5	9.3	Downward	No
	Kootenai	46.0	39.9	Downward	Yes
	Shoshone	52.1	42.1	Downward	Yes
Second District	Clearwater	63.6	75.1	Upward	Yes
	Idaho	21.4	84.9	Upward	Yes
	Latah	17.1	43.5	Upward	Yes
	Lewis	33.5	89.3	Upward	Yes
	Nez Perce	59.0	74.2	Upward	Yes
Third District	Adams	26.6	26.6	Stable	Yes
	Canyon	43.6	42.0	Downward	Yes
	Gem	36.3	52.8	Upward	Yes
	Owyhee	19.3	32.6	Upward	Yes
	Payette	32.8	41.2	Upward	Yes
Fourth District	Washington	22.4	37.8	Upward	Yes
	Ada	37.4	30.3	Downward	Yes
	Boise	36.5	10.9	Downward	No
	Elmore	40.5	30.6	Downward	Yes
	Valley	43.9	52.7	Upward	Yes
Fifth District	Blaine	13.7	11.2	Downward	No
	Camas	0.0	12.9	Upward	No
	Cassia	16.1	17.8	Upward	No
	Gooding	33.9	39.5	Upward	Yes
	Jerome	34.5	42.7	Upward	Yes
	Lincoln	13.3	8.0	Downward	No
	Minidoka	21.0	22.4	Upward	No
	Twin Falls	56.2	53.9	Downward	Yes
Sixth District	Bannock	19.2	28.6	Upward	Yes
	Bear Lake	18.7	4.7	Downward	No
	Caribou	8.0	16.0	Upward	No
	Franklin	13.4	9.3	Downward	No
	Oneida	22.1	9.5	Downward	No
	Power	20.5	7.4	Downward	No
Seventh District	Bingham	9.5	16.2	Upward	No
	Bonneville	17.3	21.1	Upward	No
	Butte	33.0	33.0	Stable	Yes
	Clark	0.0	16.9	Upward	No
	Custer	0.0	0.0	Stable	No
	Fremont	14.2	13.1	Downward	No
	Jefferson	14.8	16.7	Upward	No
	Lemhi	30.3	17.8	Downward	No
	Madison	24.7	24.0	Downward	No
	Teton	11.8	34.1	Upward	Yes

This report provides COVID-19 7-day moving average incidence rates for each county to be considered by court administrators. Data in this report show the incidence rates on Thursday of the current and prior week. The information here reflects what is reported on the Department of Health and Welfare's website between 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and 8:00 a.m. on Friday of the current week. **Data on the website are subject to change and may not reflect the information in this report.**