

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
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 AND
MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-27

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.

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 multiple 7th Judicial District counties as of September 3, 2021:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings are suspended for the week of September 13, 2021 in the following 7th Judicial District counties:

Bingham	Bonneville	Butte	Jefferson
Lemhi	Teton		

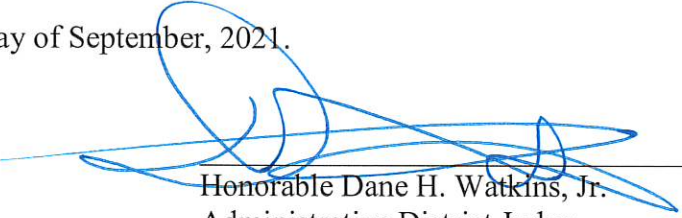
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the County Court Facilities in all counties identified in paragraph 1 above, for court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

2. All persons entering 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 the counties identified in paragraph 1 above 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 2 day of September, 2021.



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

Cc:

7th Judicial District Elected Clerks

7th Judicial District Lead Clerks

7th Judicial District Magistrate & District Judges

7th Judicial District Court Reporters

Tammie D. Whyte, Trial Court Administrator

Sara Omundson, ADOC, Idaho Supreme Court

COVID-19 Incidence Trends for Jury Trial Considerations

For the week of September 3, 2021 (August 26-September 2)

		7-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate			
	County	Prior Week	Current Week	Trend	Jury Trials Allowed
First District	Benewah	24.6	12.3	Downward	Yes
	Bonner	18.1	64.0	Upward	No
	Boundary	35.0	54.8	Upward	No
	Kootenai	28.5	70.4	Upward	No
	Shoshone	24.4	98.7	Upward	No
Second District	Clearwater	114.2	112.6	Downward	No
	Idaho	45.4	42.0	Downward	No
	Latah	30.3	29.6	Downward	No
	Lewis	111.7	115.4	Upward	No
	Nez Perce	72.1	72.1	Stable	No
Third District	Adams	20.0	33.3	Upward	No
	Canyon	60.0	52.1	Downward	No
	Gem	41.0	52.8	Upward	No
	Owyhee	35.0	39.9	Upward	No
	Payette	66.8	53.7	Downward	No
	Washington	70.1	109.3	Upward	No
Fourth District	Ada	48.1	21.8	Downward	Yes
	Boise	36.5	27.4	Downward	No
	Elmore	92.9	31.2	Downward	No
	Valley	70.2	23.8	Downward	Yes
Fifth District	Blaine	25.4	23.6	Downward	Yes
	Camas	25.8	12.9	Downward	Yes
	Cassia	31.5	47.0	Upward	No
	Gooding	67.8	81.9	Upward	No
	Jerome	77.8	82.5	Upward	No
	Lincoln	24.0	47.9	Upward	No
	Minidoka	34.0	40.7	Upward	No
	Twin Falls	70.4	92.2	Upward	No
Sixth District	Bannock	35.3	49.3	Upward	No
	Bear Lake	42.0	58.3	Upward	No
	Caribou	37.9	53.9	Upward	No
	Franklin	27.8	17.5	Downward	Yes
	Oneida	18.9	22.1	Upward	Yes
	Power	65.1	39.1	Downward	No
Seventh District	Bingham	25.6	46.4	Upward	No
	Bonneville	22.9	31.7	Upward	No
	Butte	49.5	49.5	Stable	No
	Clark	0.0	0.0	Stable	Yes
	Custer	23.2	19.9	Downward	Yes
	Fremont	18.5	20.7	Upward	Yes
	Jefferson	23.9	26.8	Upward	No
	Lemhi	33.8	55.2	Upward	No
	Madison	19.3	21.5	Upward	Yes
Teton	30.6	44.7	Upward	No	

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.**