

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 20, 2021 AND
MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-28

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 10, 2021:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings are suspended for the week of September 20, 2021 in the following 7th Judicial District counties:

Bingham	Bonneville	Custer	Fremont
Jefferson	Lemhi	Teton	

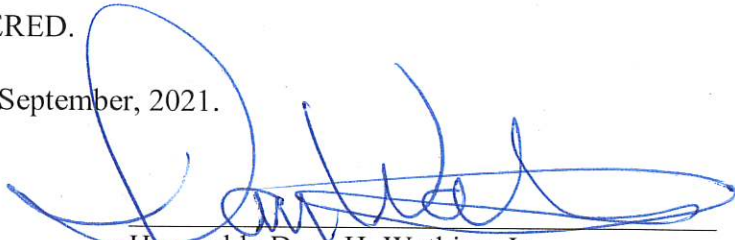
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the County Court Facilities in all counties identified in paragraph 1 above, for court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

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 10 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 Safety Protocol Considerations

For the week of September 10, 2021 (September 2-September 9)

	County	7-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate		Trend	Order for Safety Protocols
		Prior Week	Current Week		
First District	Benewah	13.8	58.4	Upward	Yes
	Bonner	76.5	35.3	Downward	Yes
	Boundary	57.2	47.8	Downward	Yes
	Kootenai	81.0	77.4	Downward	Yes
	Shoshone	104.2	54.3	Downward	Yes
Second District	Clearwater	128.9	109.3	Downward	Yes
	Idaho	43.7	54.0	Upward	Yes
	Latah	34.9	38.1	Upward	Yes
	Lewis	122.8	70.7	Downward	Yes
	Nez Perce	72.5	72.1	Downward	Yes
Third District	Adams	39.9	29.9	Downward	Yes
	Canyon	59.4	52.5	Downward	Yes
	Gem	57.6	52.1	Downward	Yes
	Owyhee	49.5	45.9	Downward	Yes
	Payette	60.2	58.5	Downward	Yes
	Washington	128.9	98.1	Downward	Yes
Fourth District	Ada	53.2	13.0	Downward	No
	Boise	63.8	34.7	Downward	Yes
	Elmore	84.6	26.5	Downward	Yes
	Valley	45.1	23.8	Downward	No
Fifth District	Blaine	25.4	32.3	Upward	Yes
	Camas	12.9	0.0	Downward	No
	Cassia	50.5	39.2	Downward	Yes
	Gooding	83.8	64.0	Downward	Yes
	Jerome	88.4	64.4	Downward	Yes
	Lincoln	61.2	31.9	Downward	Yes
	Minidoka	46.9	31.2	Downward	Yes
	Twin Falls	97.2	69.7	Downward	Yes
	Bannock	52.7	50.4	Downward	Yes
Sixth District	Bear Lake	58.3	51.3	Downward	Yes
	Caribou	55.9	43.9	Downward	Yes
	Franklin	16.5	36.0	Upward	Yes
	Oneida	22.1	37.8	Upward	Yes
	Power	39.1	42.8	Upward	Yes
	Seventh District	Bingham	47.0	42.4	Downward
Bonneville		34.9	35.8	Upward	Yes
Butte		49.5	22.0	Downward	No
Clark		0.0	16.9	Upward	No
Custer		19.9	36.4	Upward	Yes
Fremont		25.1	27.3	Upward	Yes
Jefferson		30.1	27.3	Downward	Yes
Lemhi		57.0	37.4	Downward	Yes
Madison		22.9	21.8	Downward	No
Teton		49.4	25.9	Downward	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.**