

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 27, 2021 AND
MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-29

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 17, 2021:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings are suspended for the week of September 27, 2021 in the following 7th Judicial District counties:

Bingham	Bonneville	Butte	Custer
Fremont	Jefferson	Lemhi	

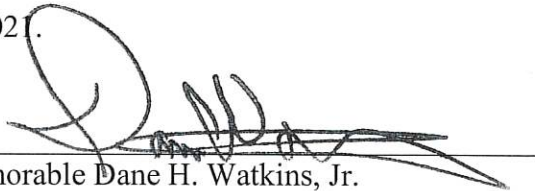
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the County Court Facilities in all counties identified in paragraph 1 above, for court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

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 17th 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 17, 2021 (September 9-September 16)

	County	7-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate		Trend	Order for Safety Protocols
		Prior Week	Current Week		
First District	Benewah	69.1	64.5	Downward	Yes
	Bonner	52.5	63.4	Upward	Yes
	Boundary	50.2	49.0	Downward	Yes
	Kootenai	86.3	58.6	Downward	Yes
	Shoshone	55.4	64.3	Upward	Yes
Second District	Clearwater	130.5	81.6	Downward	Yes
	Idaho	57.4	51.4	Downward	Yes
	Latah	40.6	40.2	Downward	Yes
	Lewis	81.9	171.2	Upward	Yes
	Nez Perce	73.2	67.5	Downward	Yes
Third District	Adams	33.3	56.6	Upward	Yes
	Canyon	61.3	65.2	Upward	Yes
	Gem	55.2	47.3	Downward	Yes
	Owyhee	47.1	61.6	Upward	Yes
	Payette	66.2	65.0	Downward	Yes
	Washington	100.9	77.1	Downward	Yes
Fourth District	Ada	45.1	26.3	Downward	Yes
	Boise	54.7	16.4	Downward	No
	Elmore	91.9	30.1	Downward	Yes
	Valley	57.7	21.3	Downward	No
Fifth District	Blaine	34.8	24.8	Downward	No
	Camas	0.0	129.2	Upward	Yes
	Cassia	41.6	47.6	Upward	Yes
	Gooding	67.8	128.0	Upward	Yes
	Jerome	75.5	109.4	Upward	Yes
	Lincoln	31.9	45.3	Upward	Yes
	Minidoka	34.0	55.7	Upward	Yes
	Twin Falls	76.1	104.7	Upward	Yes
Sixth District	Bannock	55.8	71.9	Upward	Yes
	Bear Lake	51.3	84.0	Upward	Yes
	Caribou	53.9	73.9	Upward	Yes
	Franklin	38.1	26.8	Downward	Yes
	Oneida	37.8	25.2	Downward	Yes
	Power	48.4	37.2	Downward	Yes
Seventh District	Bingham	44.9	51.3	Upward	Yes
	Bonneville	40.8	42.5	Upward	Yes
	Butte	22.0	77.0	Upward	Yes
	Clark	16.9	0.0	Downward	No
	Custer	39.7	36.4	Downward	Yes
	Fremont	27.3	27.3	Stable	Yes
	Jefferson	32.0	32.0	Stable	Yes
	Lemhi	40.9	37.4	Downward	Yes
	Madison	23.3	21.8	Downward	No
	Teton	29.4	21.2	Downward	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.**