

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  
JANUARY 24, 2022** AND  
MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2022-02

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

WHEREAS on November 29, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Amended Order entitled “EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING COURT SERVICES.” Said Order contains certain requirements and prohibitions, including regarding the conduct of jury trials and safety protocols for counties in the Seventh Judicial District, as follows:

**Paragraph 1:**

**“Weekly Publication of COVID-19 Incidence Rates:** The Data and Evaluation Unit of the Administrative Office of Courts shall utilize data obtained from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s COVID-19 Data Dashboard, and shall determine the weekly COVID-19 incidence rates for each county every Thursday evening after 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time. The weekly COVID-19 incidence rates shall be published to the Administrative District Judges and Trial Court Administrators on Friday mornings of each week.”

**Paragraph 2 (in part):**

**“Administrative District Judges Authorized to Issue Orders Regarding Courthouse and Courtroom Risk Reduction Protocols in Their Districts:**

... “If a county is located within a public health district in which Idaho’s crisis standards of care are currently activated, or if, as reflected in the report described in paragraph 1, 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.”

**Paragraph 7 (in part):**

**Jury Trial Postponements:** Jury proceedings, including jury trials and grand jury proceedings, may commence anytime during a calendar week unless:

- a. the county in which the jury trial is to be held is located in a public health district in which Idaho's crisis standards of care are activated; or
- b. the Administrative District Judge has determined that the county in which the prospective juror has been summoned to attend court has a seven-day moving 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 no counties in the Seventh Judicial District are a part of a public health district currently subject an active declaration of Idaho's crisis standards of care; and,

FURTHER 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 certain 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District counties as of **January 14, 2022**:

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings are suspended for the week of **January 24, 2022** in the following 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District counties:

Bingham	Bonneville	Butte	Custer
Fremont	Jefferson	Lemhi	Madison
Teton			

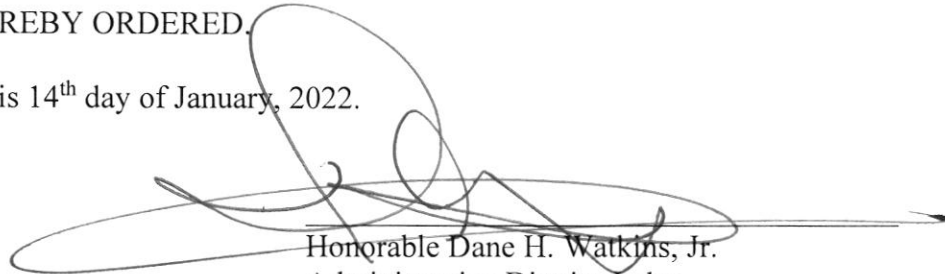
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the County Court Facilities in all counties identified in number 1 above, for court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

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 in the respective county(ies), as determined by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's COVID-19 Data Dashboard.**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.



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

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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

7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Jury Commissioners

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