

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 23, 2021 AND MANDATORY
SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE BUTTE
& LEMHI COUNTY COURT
FACILITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-24

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 Butte County and Lemhi County as of August 5, 2021.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings in Butte and Lemhi counties are suspended for the week of August 16, 2021.

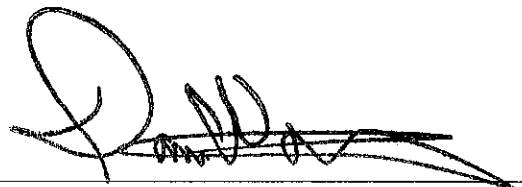
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the Butte and Lemhi County Court Facilities on court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols;

2. All persons entering the Butte or Lemhi 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 Lemhi 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 13th day of August, 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 August 13, 2021 (August 5-August 12)

	County	7-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate		Trend	Order for Safety Protocols
		Prior Week	Current Week		
First District	Benewah	38.4	24.6	Downward	No
	Bonner	23.1	20.6	Downward	No
	Boundary	21.0	24.5	Upward	No
	Kootenai	43.3	42.2	Downward	Yes
	Shoshone	46.6	48.8	Upward	Yes
Second District	Clearwater	48.9	63.6	Upward	Yes
	Idaho	22.3	21.4	Downward	No
	Latah	11.8	15.3	Upward	No
	Lewis	29.8	33.5	Upward	Yes
Third District	Nez Perce	59.7	58.3	Downward	Yes
	Adams	13.3	20.0	Upward	No
	Canyon	29.3	31.1	Upward	Yes
	Gem	37.1	30.0	Downward	Yes
	Owyhee	10.9	18.1	Upward	No
Fourth District	Payette	27.4	20.3	Downward	No
	Washington	1.4	19.6	Upward	No
	Ada	35.1	25.3	Downward	Yes
	Boise	18.2	10.9	Downward	No
	Elmore	41.0	31.2	Downward	Yes
Fifth District	Valley	28.8	20.1	Downward	No
	Blaine	8.7	12.4	Upward	No
	Camas	0.0	0.0	Stable	No
	Cassia	5.9	14.9	Upward	No
	Gooding	28.2	31.1	Upward	Yes
	Jerome	28.7	32.8	Upward	Yes
	Lincoln	8.0	13.3	Upward	No
	Minidoka	13.6	17.0	Upward	No
Sixth District	Twin Falls	46.0	52.9	Upward	Yes
	Bannock	19.7	19.0	Downward	No
	Bear Lake	16.3	18.7	Upward	No
	Caribou	10.0	8.0	Downward	No
	Franklin	7.2	12.4	Upward	No
	Oneida	18.9	22.1	Upward	No
Seventh District	Power	9.3	20.5	Upward	No
	Bingham	11.0	9.2	Downward	No
	Bonneville	11.5	16.7	Upward	No
	Butte	11.0	33.0	Upward	Yes
	Clark	0.0	0.0	Stable	No
	Custer	0.0	0.0	Stable	No
	Fremont	29.4	15.3	Downward	No
	Jefferson	19.6	13.4	Downward	No
	Lemhi	14.2	30.3	Upward	Yes
Madison	22.9	20.0	Downward	No	
Teton	20.0	11.8	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.**