

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

<b>ORDER RE:</b>  PERSONS PERMITTED IN COURTROOMS DURING IDAHO SUPREME COURT EMERGENCY REDUCTION IN COURT SERVICES & MASK REQUIREMENT	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-04</b>
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Dane H. Watkins, Jr., Administrative District Judge of the Seventh Judicial District hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS on April 22, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued its In Re: Emergency Reduction in Court Services and Limitation of Access to Court Facilities Order, the provisions of which are effective as of May 1, 2020 ("Emergency Order"); and,


WHEREAS pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Emergency Order, which allows the Administrative District Judge to impose restrictions limitations on in-person proceedings; and in response to the COVID-19 virus and the threat of immediate risk of harm to court personnel and members of the public;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that courtroom attendance in civil cases should be limited to the required court personnel, attorneys, parties, and necessary witnesses. In criminal hearings, courtroom attendance is limited to the required court personnel, attorneys, parties, victims, a designated victim/witness advocate, and necessary witnesses. Access by the media to proceedings shall be at the discretion of the presiding judge.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that in the Seventh Judicial District, in all the courtrooms and courthouses, any person attending or participating in a court proceeding must maintain appropriate social distancing of at least six (6) feet from all persons, and must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth, as provided for in the Emergency Order

This order shall be effective May 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until further order of the Administrative District Judge.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Jr.  
Administrative District Judge

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