

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 16, 2021 AND MANDATORY  
SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE  
FREMONT COUNTY COURT  
FACILITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2021-26

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](http://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 Fremont County as of August 27, 2021.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings are suspended for the week of September 6, 2021 in the following 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District counties:

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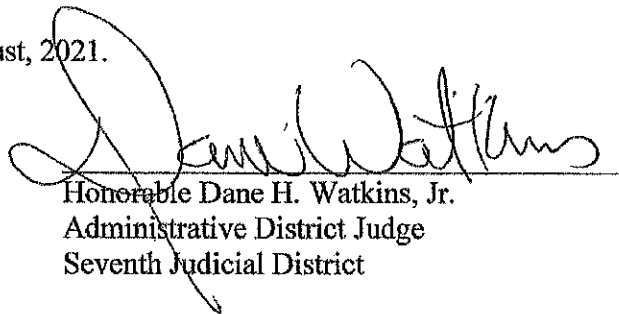
IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED, effective immediately, that all persons entering the County Court Facilities in the counties identified in paragraph 1 above, for court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

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 27 day of August, 2021.



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

Cc:

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  
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 27, 2021 (August 19-August 26)

	County	7-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate		Trend	Order for Safety Protocols
		Prior Week	Current Week		
First District	Benewah	36.9	20.0	Downward	No
	Bonner	30.0	16.2	Downward	No
	Boundary	9.3	16.3	Upward	No
	Kootenai	41.9	24.0	Downward	No
	Shoshone	43.2	21.1	Downward	No
Second District	Clearwater	86.5	94.6	Upward	Yes
	Idaho	90.0	41.1	Downward	Yes
	Latah	44.9	29.2	Downward	Yes
	Lewis	119.1	93.1	Downward	Yes
	Nez Perce	76.4	72.1	Downward	Yes
Third District	Adams	26.6	16.6	Downward	No
	Canyon	45.8	43.0	Downward	Yes
	Gem	56.8	22.1	Downward	No
	Owyhee	33.8	24.2	Downward	No
	Payette	45.3	48.3	Upward	Yes
	Washington	42.0	43.4	Upward	Yes
Fourth District	Ada	42.2	22.5	Downward	No
	Boise	18.2	14.6	Downward	No
	Elmore	39.5	50.9	Upward	Yes
	Valley	62.7	31.4	Downward	Yes
Fifth District	Blaine	11.8	24.8	Upward	No
	Camas	12.9	25.8	Upward	Yes
	Cassia	19.0	29.7	Upward	Yes
	Gooding	44.2	59.3	Upward	Yes
	Jerome	49.2	77.8	Upward	Yes
	Lincoln	10.6	21.3	Upward	No
	Minidoka	23.8	29.2	Upward	Yes
	Twin Falls	56.9	67.1	Upward	Yes
Sixth District	Bannock	29.8	35.3	Upward	Yes
	Bear Lake	4.7	42.0	Upward	Yes
	Caribou	20.0	37.9	Upward	Yes
	Franklin	9.3	27.8	Upward	Yes
	Oneida	6.3	18.9	Upward	No
	Power	7.4	67.0	Upward	Yes
Seventh District	Bingham	17.4	25.3	Upward	Yes
	Bonneville	23.8	22.3	Downward	No
	Butte	33.0	49.5	Upward	Yes
	Clark	16.9	0.0	Downward	No
	Custer	0.0	23.2	Upward	No
	Fremont	14.2	17.4	Upward	No
	Jefferson	17.7	23.0	Upward	No
	Lemhi	17.8	35.6	Upward	Yes
	Madison	25.8	18.3	Downward	No
	Teton	34.1	30.6	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.**