

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

**IN RE: LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS)
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ORDER

November 23, 2020

This Court's October 8, 2020, Order In Re: Emergency Reduction In Court Services and Limitation of Access to Court Facilities stated that signage shall be posted at all public entry points advising individuals not to enter courtrooms or approach court services offices, in part, if they "have been asked to self-isolate by any doctor, hospital, or health agency." However, since that time four of Idaho's six health districts have announced, "case surges in the last month have created backlogs and delays for their disease investigation teams, making it impossible to contact all new reported cases or those individual's close contacts." (News Release from South Central Public Health District, Panhandle Health District, Southwest District Health, and Central District Health, Nov. 4, 2020.) Thus, parties that have been exposed to the coronavirus that would normally be told to self-isolate by a health district may not be properly contacted.

For public safety and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus, and pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 48, the following limitations and requirements shall apply until further order of this Court.

1. No person shall enter courtrooms or other rooms where court is being held, nor approach any court services office if they:
 - a. are not wearing a mask covering their nose and mouth;
 - b. have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
 - c. have been advised or required to self-isolate or quarantine because of travel outside the State of Idaho;
 - d. have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and:
 - i. it has been less than 10 days since symptoms first appeared, or
 - ii. it has been less than 24 hours since the person had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;