

IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

**ORDER RE:  
POSTPONEMENT OF JURY TRIALS AND  
MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN  
BENEWAH, BONNER, KOOTENAI &  
SHOSHONE COUNTY COURT FACILITIES.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
H21- DW.21**

Rich Christensen, Administrative District Judge of the First Judicial District, hereby finds and Orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued an “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 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.

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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 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 seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Benewah County for Thursday, August 19, 2021 is 36.9.

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Bonner County for Thursday, August 19, 2021 is 25.9.

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Kootenai County for Thursday August 19, 2021 is 39.9.

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Shoshone County for Thursday August 19, 2021 is 42.1.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials in Benewah, Bonner, Kootenai and Shoshone counties are suspended for the week of August 30- Sept. 3, 2021.

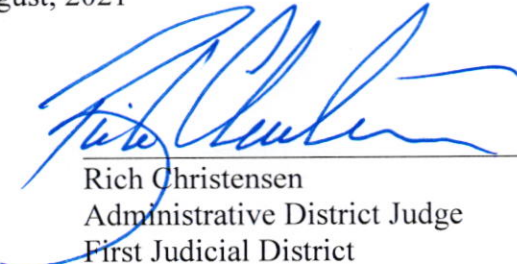
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons entering the Benewah, Bonner, Kootenai or Shoshone County court facilities to do court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols:

2. All persons are required to wear a mask while in such court facilities on court business.

3. All persons, not of the same household, must observe a minimum of six feet of social distancing from other persons while in said court facilities.

**This Order as to the wearing of masks and social distancing is to remain in effect in each of the above-mentioned counties until the respective seven-day moving average incidence rate for the above-mentioned counties falls below 25.0, as determined by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.**

IT IS SO ORDERED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021

  
Rich Christensen  
Administrative District Judge  
First Judicial District