In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR IDAHO SUPREME COURT BUILDING

ORDER

The Idaho Supreme Court has previously issued a series of emergency orders intended to address the substantial health and safety risks faced by the public accessing the courts, court personnel, and participants in court proceedings caused by the community spread of COVID-19. On June 25, 2021, the Court determined that, under certain conditions, safety protocols must be implemented in state courthouses, ordering:

[I]f 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.

Based on recent data obtained from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's COVID-I9 Data Dashboard, the COVID-I9 incidence rate on August 6, 2021, in Ada County was 28.6 per 100,000 population. Because the Idaho Supreme Court Building is located in Ada County, the Court finds it is appropriate to likewise implement safety protocols in the building.

Until further order of this Court, any member of the public entering the Idaho Supreme Court building, as well as all staff working in the building who have direct contact with the public, shall, in all spaces open to the public, wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth and maintain six feet of social distance from anyone not a member of their household. During court proceedings the presiding Justice or Judge may allow for use of alternative protective barriers.

DATED this _____ day of August, 2021.

By Order of the Supreme Court

G. Richard Bevan, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

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