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By S. Tubbs

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

RE: REDUCTION IN COURT FACILITY
SERVICES; LIMITED ACCESS TO THE
BLAINE COUNTY COURT FACILITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
20-03

On March 20, 2020, for public safety and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Brad Little issued an Isolate in Place Order for all of Blaine County. Effective immediately, pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule 48, the Blaine County Court Facility shall operate at reduced operations until further notice.

During the time of reduced operations, only emergency matters and hearings will be conducted, including in-custody arraignments, in-custody preliminary hearings, civil protection orders, emergency guardianship proceedings, child protection proceedings, juvenile detention hearings and civil mental commitment proceedings. To the extent possible such matters shall be conducted telephonically or through video conferencing, which can be placed in the official court record.

Minimum operating personnel for the court facility shall include one front desk deputy clerk, one in-court deputy clerk, one magistrate judge and at least two court security officers, with one limiting access at the front door. Members of the public will not be permitted into the court facility unless they are an attorney, party, witness, victim or victim support person in one of the enumerated proceedings.

The undersigned judge will issue a new order as needed, superseding this order, including when court operations can resume in their normal manner. Until such time, for the health and safety of the public, all court participants, and court staff, the court facility remains closed to all members of the public except as stated herein.

For inquiries, members of the public are directed to contact the Blaine County Clerk's Office via phone at (208) 788-5521, or the Trial Court Administrator's Office at (208) 736-4085.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 20th day of March 2020.



HONORABLE ERIC J. WILDMAN
Administrative District Judge, Fifth Judicial District

cc: Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts
Board of Blaine County Commissioners
All Fifth Judicial District Judges
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