

**MAR 19 2020**

**CANYON COUNTY CLERK  
R BULL, DEPUTY**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO**

Courthouse Safety and Coronavirus ) **Administrative Order**  
Magistrate Judges Under I.C.A.R. 5.1 ) **2020 - 2**  
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**WHEREAS**, Idaho's judicial branch is taking steps to adhere to the guidance provided by the federal, state and local health authorities to inhibit the spread of COVID-19, as evidenced by the Idaho Supreme Court's March 13, 2020 Order In Re: Idaho Supreme Court Response to COVID-19 Emergency (the Order), effective March 16, 2020; it is,

**ORDERED** that the following protocols apply in all courthouses in the Third Judicial District during the effective dates of the Order:

**COURTHOUSE/COURTROOM ACCESS**

1. The following individuals shall not enter the courthouse for the purpose of access to courtrooms or court offices, and signage shall be posted at all public access points advising such individuals not to enter the courthouse, courtrooms or court offices:
  - a. Persons who left a country that has a Level 3 Travel Notice within the past 14 days and persons who resided with, or have been in close contact with, a person who has been in any of those countries within the past 14 days;
  - b. Persons who traveled domestically within the United States where COVID-19 has sustained, widespread community transmission;
  - c. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
  - d. Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
  - e. Persons who have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
2. In civil cases, courtroom attendance is limited to attorneys, parties, necessary witnesses and jurors. In criminal hearings, not including trials, courtroom attendance is limited to attorneys, parties, victims and necessary witnesses. Media access to proceedings and attendance by additional persons shall be at the discretion of the presiding judge.
3. Persons attempting to enter the courthouse, courtrooms, or court offices in violation of this Order shall be denied entrance by the sheriff, court marshals, or other persons acting as court security officers under authority from the undersigned. In addition, the sheriff, court marshals, or court security officers shall discourage unnecessary congregations outside courtroom doors and encourage social distancing inside the courtroom.

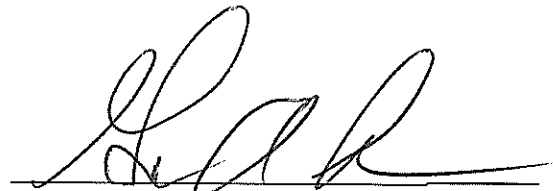
## PERSONS WITH CURRENT ILLNESS/HIGH RISK/HIGHER RISK OF ILLNESS

1. For purposes of this Order,
  - a. "High risk" includes those persons specified in Courthouse/Courtroom Access, paragraph 1, above.
  - b. "higher risk from illness" includes, but is not limited to, older adults (65 years and older) and people who have serious underlying medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, asthma and HIV.
2. In-custody defendants who are symptomatic of COVID-19 shall not be transported to the courthouse.
3. A case involving an attorney or party who is ill or in a high risk category shall be rescheduled. A case involving an attorney or party who is at "higher risk from illness" should be rescheduled at the request of that attorney or party.
4. Jurors who are ill, caring for someone who is ill, in a high risk category or at a higher risk of illness shall have their jury service postponed to a later date.
5. Individuals with legitimate court business who are ill, caring for someone who is ill, in a high risk category, or at higher risk from illness are advised to stay home and request a continuance by calling the local district court clerk.

## MISCELLANEOUS

1. Local Elected Clerks are urged to consider using drop boxes for conventionally filed documents, if feasible and available.
2. Local courthouses are encouraged to provide hand sanitizer and/or all courtroom entrances and counsel tables to the best extent possible.
3. Jury panels in place during the pendency of the Order may be extended, at the discretion of the undersigned.

Dated this 19 day of March, 2020.



George A. Southworth  
Administrative District Judge  
Third Judicial District

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