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

**ORDER RE:
POSTPONEMENT OF JURY TRIALS AND
GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS, AND
MANDATORY SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN
THE JEROME COUNTY COURTROOMS
AND COURT SERVICES OFFICE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
2021-26**

Eric J. Wildman, Administrative District Judge of the Fifth Judicial District hereby finds and Orders as follows:

WHEREAS on June 25, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Amended Order entitled “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 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.

and;

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.

and;

WHEREAS, the seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 in Jerome County for Thursday, August 12th, 2021 is 32.8.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jury Trials and Grand Jury Proceedings in Jerome County are suspended for the week of August 23, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons entering a Jerome County Courtroom or the Court Services Office, to do court business shall be subject to and maintain the following protocols;

2. All persons are required to wear a mask while in a Jerome County courtroom or Jerome County Court Services Office on court business.
3. All persons, not of the same household, must observe a minimum of six feet of social distancing from other persons.

This Order is to remain in effect until the seven-day moving average incidence rate In Jerome County falls below 25.0, as determined by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2021.



Honorable Eric J. Wildman
Administrative District Judge
Fifth Judicial District

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