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Going to Court? Check Ahead for COVID-19 Precautions

People going to an Idaho courthouse on court business should check ahead to confirm local safety protocols as COVID-19 cases rise again and courts work to protect those who are entering their doors.

Under an [Idaho Supreme Court order issued in June](#), each county's incidence rate of COVID-19 cases is tracked weekly. If that rate is above a specific level — 25 or more cases per 100,000 population in a seven-day average — anyone at the county courthouse for court business must wear masks and maintain social distancing and certain jury trials must be postponed. Various Idaho counties continue to reach this rate.

The administrative judges of Idaho's seven judicial districts may also order COVID-19 precautions at other times if needed to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission to anyone participating in a court proceeding or doing court business.

[Today, the Idaho Supreme Court ordered](#) the use of masks and social distancing in all public areas of its building in Boise, citing the local incidence rate. County courthouses across the state may have similar measures in place depending on their county's incidence rate and other factors.

If you plan to visit an Idaho court and are not sure what local measures to follow, you may contact the courthouse to confirm them. **Please follow any guidance given to you.** These measures have protected the health and safety of court participants and staff throughout the pandemic, ensuring Idaho's courts remain open to anyone wishing to bring or defend a claim.

Information on COVID-19 health and safety orders can be found on the Idaho Supreme Court's homepage (isc.idaho.gov) under "State Judicial Emergency Orders Regarding COVID-19."

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