

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF IDAHO

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IMPOSITION OF MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS IN COURTROOMS AND COURT RELATED AREAS IN THE COURTHOUSES IN ELMORE AND VALLEY COUNTIES DUE TO COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 21-08-06-02

Consistent with the Idaho Supreme Court's June 24, 2021 Emergency Order Regarding Court Services in an effort to address the substantial safety risks confronted by the public accessing the courts, court personnel, and participants in court proceedings caused by the community spread of COVID-19, the following requirements are imposed in courthouses in Elmore and Valley County effective August 9, 2021 and continuing until this Order is suspended by further order of the Administrative District Judge::

1. Clerks Interacting with the Public. Clerks interacting with members of the public seeking court related service at the clerks' counter, and members of the public seeking services at the clerk counter, must wear masks that cover the nose and mouth.
2. Courtrooms. In any anteroom, jury deliberation room or courtroom when members of the public (including parties, counsel, witnesses and jurors) are present during a court proceeding, all persons in such room must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and maintain six feet of social distance from any person that does not live in their household.
3. Secured Court Areas. In common areas of the secured¹ portions of the courthouse, including hallways, restrooms, breakrooms and conference rooms, all persons must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth and maintain six feet of social distance from any person that does not live in their household;

¹ "Secured" area as used in this paragraph refers to areas where the general public cannot freely enter after being admitted to the courthouse, such as the area wherein a judge's chamber may be located.

Failure to comply with the terms of this order may be treated as a contempt of court. See Idaho Code § 18-1801; Title 7, Chapter 6, Idaho Code; I.R.C.P. 75; I.C.R. 42.

The terms of this order are in effect beginning August 9th and continuing until further Order by the Administrative District Judge.

When in effect, a copy of this order must be displayed in all courthouses in the applicable counties, at all entrances accessible to the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 6th day of August 2021.



HONORABLE STEVEN J. HIPPLER
Administrative District Judge
Fourth Judicial District

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