

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF IDAHO

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REVOCATION OF MASK REQUIREMENTS
IN COURT RELATED AREAS IN THE
COURTHOUSES IN ADA, BOISE,
ELMORE, AND VALLEY COUNTIES AND
AT THE ADA COUNTY TREATMENT
SERVICES CENTER

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 22-03-08

Administrative Order No. 21-11-24 imposed mask requirements in courtrooms and court related areas in the courthouses in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties due to escalating COVID-19 case numbers in the district. Administrative Order No. 21-11-30-01 imposed similar mask requirements at the Ada County Treatment Services Center.

Since the time of the imposition of these orders in November 2021, COVID-19 case numbers have substantially decreased in the district and across the state, and the number of people hospitalized or in intensive care as a result of COVID-19 has substantially decreased. The Idaho Supreme Court also recently lifted mask requirements for persons in the Idaho Supreme Court Building. See *In Re: Safety Protocols for Idaho Supreme Court Building* (March 1, 2022).

In view of the foregoing, Administrative Order Nos. 21-11-24 and 21-11-30-31 are revoked, effective immediately, until further notice.

Masks are not required in any court related areas of the courthouses in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties, except as required by a presiding judge as permitted by this order. Masks are also not required at the Ada County Treatment Services Center.

Whether masks are required in a particular courtroom and associated jury deliberation room during a proceeding in a courthouse in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties is left to the discretion of the judge presiding over the proceeding.

Use of a mask, that covers the wearer's nose and mouth, is strongly encouraged for any person in any courthouse in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties who has recently been exposed to COVID-19.

Persons who have been diagnosed with and have not recovered from COVID-19, or who have been asked to self-isolate by any physician, hospital, or health agency, or otherwise are experiences symptoms of CCOVID-19, are requested not to enter any courthouse or court-related facility in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley Counties.


At no time shall a person who is not a testifying witness, while in the portions of the courthouse where court business is conducted, be asked or required to remove a mask against their wishes.

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.

A copy of this order must be displayed at all entrances to the courthouses and facilities referenced in this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 8th day of March 2022.


HONORABLE STEVEN J. HIPPLER
Administrative District Judge
Fourth Judicial District

cc: All Judges
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