

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

RE: SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THIRD DISTRICT COURT)))))	Administrative Order 2021-28
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Davis F. VanderVelde, Administrative District Judge of the Third Judicial District hereby finds and Orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on November 29, 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 report..., [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 24.9 per 100,000 population or lower, and the county is not located within a public health district subject to an active declaration of Idaho’s crisis standards of care, the Administrative District Judge shall be responsible for ensuring adequate measures are in place in each courthouse to reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus to all persons participating in a court proceeding or conducting court business. Adequate measures may include, but are not limited to, requiring social distancing, masking, and the use of remote proceedings. In determining adequate measures, the Administrative District Judge should consider local conditions including, but not limited to, the COVID-19 incidence rate of the county as reflected in the weekly incidence report described in paragraph 1.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons entering a court facility in the Third Judicial District of Idaho, to include the counties of Adams, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Owyhee and Washington, to do court business, shall be required to wear a mask while in a court facility on court business.

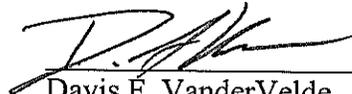
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any distancing requirements shall be at the discretion of the presiding judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that witnesses may remove masks, with sufficient protective devices, at the discretion of the presiding judge.

This Order is to remain in effect until further Order from the Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Dated this 21 day of December, 2021



Davis F. VanderVelde
Administrative District Judge

cc: Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts
Sherry Ward, Adams County Clerk
Chris Yamamoto, Canyon County Clerk
Shelly Tilton, Gem County Clerk
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
Lindsey Bratcher, Payette County Clerk
Donna Atwood, Washington County Clerk