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

In Re: Commencement of Jury Trials in Adams County, Week of March 8, 2021)
) **Administrative Order**
) **2021-03**
)

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2021, the Idaho Supreme Court issued its ORDER RE: COMMENCEMENT OF JURY TRIALS AND GRAND JURY IMPANELMENT (“ORDER”) authorizing the resumption of jury trials and impaneling grand juries in the courts of the State of Idaho commencing March 1, 2021, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the ORDER provides that “jury proceedings may commence anytime during a calendar week unless the Administrative District Judge has determined that” the county in which a prospective juror has been summoned to attend court has a seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 that is either:

1. 25.0 or greater per 100,000 population; OR
2. Between 14.0 and 24.9 per 100,000 population with an upward or increasing 14-day trend as reflected by the Seven-Day Moving Average Incidence Rate on the Cases by County page of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s COVID-19 Dashboard (for purposes of the ORDER, an “upward trend occurs when the seven-day moving average incidence rate for the Thursday of the relevant reporting week is higher than the seven-day moving average incidence rate for the prior Thursday); and

WHEREAS, the above determinations shall be based on the weekly COVID-19 incident rates published ten (10) days prior to the calendar week in which the jury trial is scheduled to occur, as reflected in the weekly publication of COVID-19 Incident Rates provided to the Administrative District Judges and Trial Court Administrators on Friday mornings of each week; and

WHEREAS, the ORDER provides: "If this order or any previous orders of this Court result in any delay in the commencement of jury trials due to COVID-19, the time used to calculate the right to a speedy trial pursuant to I.C. § 19-3501 shall be deemed to have been tolled by said order;" and

WHEREAS, after consulting the above resources on Friday, February 26, 2021, the undersigned has determined that the following county in the Third Judicial District has a seven-day moving average incidence rate of confirmed or presumed cases of COVID-19 (as reflected on the attached Report) that precludes the commencement of jury trials the week of March 8, 2021:

Adams County: Rate of 20.0 on February 25, 2021 against a rate of 16.6 on February 18, 2021;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that no jury trial shall commence in Adams County the week of March 8, 2021.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2021.



George A. Southworth
Administrative District Judge
Third Judicial District

Attachment

Cc: Administrative Office of the Courts
Hon. Christopher Nye
Hon. John Meienhofer
Sherry Ward, Adams County Clerk
Tara Horton, Adams County Jury Commissioner