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KOOTENAI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Idaho Supreme Court issued an order last week with a May 1<sup>st</sup> effective date regarding resuming many of the court proceedings that had been on hold during the Governor's stay at home order.[ <https://isc.idaho.gov/EO/CERTIFIED-042220-Emergency-Reduction-Order.pdf>] As set forth in such Order no criminal jury trials will proceed until August 3<sup>rd</sup> and no civil jury trials may proceed until October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the earliest.

Both district court and magistrate court hearings will be conducted via telephone or using remote video conferencing technology (Zoom). Parties will receive notice of how to participate in their hearings from the Kootenai County District Court Clerk's Office. Additional resources on how to participate in remote court hearings can also be found at <http://isc.idaho.gov/isc-zoom>.

For those hearings that may be conducted in the courthouse, all participants must wear face masks and observe social distancing protocols. Courtroom capacity is greatly reduced to accommodate social distancing. **Anyone attending court proceeding or coming to the courthouse for court business must wear a mask, bandana, or scarf that will cover their nose and mouth.** Face coverings must not contain offensive or inappropriate graphic images or words. Those coming to the courthouse must provide their own mask, bandana or face coverings as masks are not readily available at the court at this time.

Persons who have questions about the scheduling of a particular case or questions regarding remote hearings should contact the Kootenai County District Court Clerk's Office at the following phone numbers:

Criminal cases: (208) 446-1170  
Civil cases: (208) 446-1160

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