

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KOOTENAI**

**ORDER RE: RETURN TO IN-PERSON
PROCEEDINGS IN KOOTENAI COUNTY;
MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
H21-KOO.1**

Rich Christensen, Administrative District Judge of the First Judicial District hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS on May 20, 2021 the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Amended Order entitled “Re: Emergency Order Regarding Court Services,” litigants and interested parties are informed of significant changes to court operations; most notably a return to in-person proceedings.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following be implemented to provide guidance and uniformity in the return to in-person hearings within the Magistrate Division:

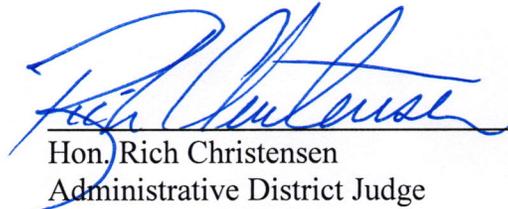
MAGISTRATE DIVISION – KOOTENAI COUNTY

1. Hearings that have already been set by the court with existing notices of hearing indicating appearance by Zoom **shall continue to be held remotely** with the following EXCEPTIONS (this includes hearings set to be heard at the Juvenile Justice Center):
 - a. Preliminary Hearings
 - i. Parties may alert the court that a witness will be appearing remotely by the filing of a notice at or before the Preliminary Hearing Status Conference. After June 30, 2021, the request for a witness to appear remotely must be timely and formally made by motion and request for hearing.
 - b. Civil Court Trials
 - c. Rule 5(b) Initial Appearances
 - d. First Appearances
2. The following hearings shall be held in person beginning on the dates indicated below:
 - a. Infraction Court Trials – As soon as possible
 - b. Unlawful Detainers – June 2, 2021
 - c. BAC Hearings – June 15, 2021
 - d. Name Change Hearings – June 15, 2021
 - e. Misdemeanor Court Trials – June 22, 2021
 - f. Misdemeanor Walk-In First Appearances “Traffic” (will continue to be staggered) – July 15, 2021
 - g. Small Claims – July 21, 2021

3. The following hearings shall continue to be held remotely in order to remain in compliance with the Supreme Court's May 20, 2021, Amended Order:
 - a. Pre-Trial Conferences
 - b. Jury Trial Status Conferences
4. The following hearings shall continue to be held remotely until parties are notified otherwise:
 - a. Preliminary Hearing Status Conferences
 - b. Mental Commitment Hearings

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing herein is intended to restrict the assigned judge's ability to require hearings be held remotely or in person, at his or her discretion, as permitted by the Idaho Supreme Court's May 20, 2021, Amended Order.

This order shall be effective as of MAY 25, 2021.



Hon. Rich Christensen
Administrative District Judge
First Judicial District