

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT AND BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO**

**In Re: COURT OPERATIONS
DURING STAGE IV OF IDAHO'S
REOPENING PLAN**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 396

On May 11, 2020, the Court issued General Order No. 367 in response to Idaho Governor Brad Little's staged approach for reopening Idaho during the COVID-19 pandemic. General Order No. 367 outlined Court operations during that reopening process. The State of Idaho and the Court advanced through those reopening stages. However, on November 14, 2020, Governor Little and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued a Stay Healthy Order returning the State of Idaho to Stage II of the reopening plan, albeit a somewhat modified Stage II. In response to the Stay Healthy Order, the Court issued General Order Nos. 376, 384, and 388 suspending jury trials and limiting court hearings through February 28, 2021. On March 17, 2021, the Court issued General Order No. 391 resuming jury trials after the Governor moved Idaho into Stage III of the reopening plan. On May 11, 2021, the Governor moved Idaho into Stage IV, and the Court issues the following Order. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court will continue to conduct jury trials and hearings in the District of Idaho with protocols in place to comply with Idaho's Stage IV guidelines. Hearings may still be conducted virtually. The determination of which

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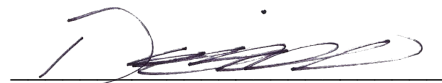
hearings will be conducted in-person and which hearings will be conducted virtually will be left to the presiding judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will proceed with Grand Jury proceedings with protocols in place to comply with Idaho's Stage IV guidelines.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to President Biden's January 20, 2021 Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing, all persons in the public areas of the courthouses and the courtrooms must wear face coverings/masks, maintain physical distance, and adhere to other public health measures, as provided in CDC guidelines. The presiding judge will decide whether there are circumstances where face coverings/masks are not required for certain individuals during hearings and trials.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all provisions of General Order No. 391 remain in effect except as otherwise noted herein.

DATED: May 12, 2021



David C. Nye
Chief United States District Judge



Joseph M. Meier
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge