

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MADISON**

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LORI NORENE VALLOW,

Defendant.

Case No. CR-33-20-0302

**ORDER GOVERNING  
COURTROOM CONDUCT  
FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING**

This Order shall govern courtroom conduct and media activities within the courtroom for the Preliminary Hearing in this matter.

The Court is mindful of the need to balance (1) the constitutional right of the defendant to a fair hearing; (2) the public's right to know and constitutional and statutory rights of the media to attend the proceedings; (3) the court's own interest in maintaining order and an environment which permits all participants to focus on their responsibilities without undue distractions; and (4) the need for public safety as a result of the COVID-19 the global pandemic.

With those factors in mind, pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rules 45 and 49; the Idaho Supreme Court's Order dated April 22, 2020 In Re: Emergency Reduction in Court Services and Limitation of Access to Court Facilities ("ISC Order"); the Seventh Judicial District Administrative Judge's Order 2020-04 Order Re: Persons Permitted in Courtrooms During Idaho Supreme Court Emergency Reduction in Court Services & Mask Requirement ("Administrative Order"); and the current national and State of Idaho guidelines regarding the size of gatherings, social distancing recommendations, the Court orders as follows:

1. **Courtroom Attendance.** Courtroom attendance shall be limited to:
2. **A.** the required court personnel, attorneys, parties, victims, a designated victim/witness advocate, and necessary witnesses.
3. **B.** Representatives of the media serving as the pooled camera staff, subject to a limit of 2 media members operating the pooled broadcast/recording of the hearing and 1 media member handling the pooled still photography,
4. **C.** Subject to the ISC Order, and the allowance already made for pooled media access to the courtroom to allow the public to have access to

broadcast/recording/photographs, no other members of the media or public shall be allowed to attend the hearing, absent a request specifically approved by this Court as provided for in Section 6 of the ISC Order.

5. **Requirements For Those Attending.** All of those attending the hearing must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth. They must maintain social distancing of at least six feet among those not of their household and follow all other social distancing requirements communicated to them by court personnel.
6. **Amended Order Governing Courtroom Conduct.** All other provisions, not superseded by the attendance restrictions in this Order set forth in the March 3, 2020 Amended Order Governing Courtroom Conduct shall remain in effect.
7. Questions regarding this Order and attendance at this hearing should be directed to the Trial Court Administrator, Tammie D. Whyte. The Clerk of the Courts will provide Ms. Whyte's contact information upon request.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2020.

Signed: 6/10/2020 04:50 PM

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Michelle Mallard  
Magistrate Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was emailed to the following parties:

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By: Angie Wood  
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