

CASE NO. CR29-22-2805
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LATAH

STATE OF IDAHO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRYAN C. KOHBERGER,

Defendant.

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ORDER GOVERNING
COURTHOUSE AND
COURTROOM CONDUCT

This order governs courthouse and courtroom conduct and media activities in this case. This order shall supersede any prior Order Governing Courthouse and Courtroom Conduct.

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 information in conjunction with the constitutional and statutory rights of the media to attend the proceedings; (3) the court's interest in maintaining order and an environment that permits all participants to focus on their responsibilities without undue distractions; and (4) the court's interest in the safety of the public and court personnel, and the need to follow all Idaho Supreme Court Orders, as may be changed or amended from time to time. With these factors in mind, pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rules (I.C.A.R.) 45, 46(b), and 49,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

I. COURTROOM SEATING AND ATTENDANCE

A) Seating for Victims' Families, Counsel, Defendant's Family, and Court Personnel

Certain seating may be reserved for counsel, authorized court personnel, the defendant's family and the victims' families.

B) Pooled Media Seating

The representatives of the media serving as the pooled camera staff shall be seated in an area approved by the Court, as designated by the Administrative District Judge, presiding judge, Trial Court Administrator, or Bailiff subject to a limit of two (2) media members operating the pooled audio and video recording of the hearing and one (1) media member handling the pooled still photography.

C) General Public and Additional Media Seating

The public and members of the media, not designated as pooled camera staff, may be permitted in the courtroom as space permits on a first come basis. No person may reserve seats. No standing in the courtroom will be allowed.

D) Seating in Front of the Bar

No person other than court personnel designated by the Court, the Defendant, and counsel and their assistants shall be permitted to sit in front of the bar of the courtroom without specific authorization of the court.

E) Entry and Exit During Court Proceedings

Spectators, including members of the media and the public, shall be seated before court is in session during any portion of a hearing. No entry or re-entry to the courtroom shall be permitted while court is in session.

II. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

A) Security Screening

All persons entering the courtroom are subject to security screening. No food, beverage, firearms, or other weapons are permitted in the courthouse. All handbags, backpacks, or purses are prohibited in the courtroom. Any personal property items are subject to inspection.

B) Cell Phones

Cell phones are permitted, but must be turned off and SHALL NOT be used for recording or the transmission of sounds or images. Violation of this rule may result in confiscation of the phone.

C) Other Electronic Devices

Computers, laptops, and other similar devices are permitted for note taking, but SHALL NOT be used to record or transmit sounds or images in or from the courtroom. Cameras and microphones on electronic devices must be disabled. Violation of this rule may result in confiscation of the device.

D) Disruptive Behavior

Any activity or behavior which is considered disruptive by the Court will result in removal from the courtroom. Any spectator who creates a visual or auditory disturbance of the court proceedings may be removed from the courtroom and/or the building at any time at the discretion of court security personnel.

