

**IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

In the Matter of:

**Ketchikan Trials and In-Person Grand
Jury**

First Judicial District.

**PRESIDING JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-09
RE: KETCHIKAN**

On May 5, 2021, by Administrative Order 21-07, in-person grand jury proceedings and misdemeanor jury trials in Ketchikan were suspended until May 21, 2021 in light of the then-emerging public health concerns in that community. The current situation in Ketchikan warrants continuing the suspension. Since then, the community risk level has been increased to “very high” and the local authorities are recommending extreme mitigation measures. As of May 19, 2021, Ketchikan’s average case rate per 100,000 over 14 days was 68.4 as reported by the Department of Health and Social Services.¹

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Ketchikan trials and in-person grand jury proceedings are suspended until June 4, 2021. Whether it is necessary to continue the suspension beyond June 4, 2021 will be reviewed

¹ The Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court has authorized the presiding judge of each district to limit or suspend in-person grand jury proceedings and jury trials for any location if the average daily case rate over 14 days as reported by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services rises above 20-30 cases per 100,000 population or if the local risk level is otherwise seriously elevated. *See* Special Order of the Chief Justice No. 8242 and 8259.

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on or shortly after Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

2. The time limits for preliminary examination under Alaska Criminal Rule 5(e) are extended through June 4, 2021.²

Dated at Juneau, Alaska on May 19, 2021.



Amy Mead
Presiding Judge
First Judicial District



Distribution: Chief Justice Joel Bolger; Stacey Marz, Administrative Director; First District Judges; First District Magistrates; First District Clerks of Court; Lesa Robertson, Executive Administrator; James Kwon, ACA; Clayton Jones, Rural Court Training Assistant; SBA; JBA; KBA.

² See Special Order of the Chief Justice No. 8234; Supreme Court Order No. 1957.