

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

In the Matter of:

The Suspension of Jury Trials

First Judicial District.

PRESIDING JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-20

As authorized by the Alaska Supreme Court¹ and Chief Justice,² the presiding judge of each district may limit or suspend 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. Overall, the average case rate over 14 days has increased in communities throughout the First Judicial District. For example, as of August 31, 2021, the average daily case rates over 14 days were:

Prince of Wales Island	66.9
Sitka	65.4
Ketchikan	91.9
Juneau	76.7
Haines	138.9
Wrangell	105.1

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The suspension of criminal jury trials and grand jury proceedings is extended to

¹ Supreme Court Order No. 1974.

² Special Order of the Chief Justice No. 8259.

September 10, 2021.

2. The time limit for preliminary examination under Alaska Criminal Rule 5(e) is extended through October 1, 2021.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska on August 31, 2021.



Amy Mead
Presiding Judge
First Judicial District



Distribution: Chief Justice Daniel Winfree; 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; Juneau District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy; Sitka District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy; Ketchikan District Attorney's Office, Public Defender Agency, and Office of Public Advocacy; CBJ Law Department and Public Defender; Court Rules Attorney