

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

**In the Matter of:**

**Jury Trials in the First Judicial District.**

**PRESIDING JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-32**

Chief Justice Special Order 8333 requires the presiding judge of each district to suspend jury trials when the number of reported cases per 100,000 over the past seven days reaches 100 as reported by the Department of Health and Social Services. The case counts over the previous seven days in all court locations in the First Judicial District exceed this threshold, requiring the suspension of trials.

This suspension will be in place until January 10, 2022. During this suspension, the time for trial will continue to be tolled under Alaska Criminal Rule 45(d).<sup>1</sup> Parties are reminded that notwithstanding this general suspension, they may file a motion asking that a specific criminal jury trial be allowed to proceed in accordance with Chief Justice Special Order 8259.<sup>2</sup>

It is anticipated that all court locations in the First Judicial District will be open for trial on January 10, 2022 as provided by Chief Justice Special Order 8352.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska on December 13, 2021.

  
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Amy Mead, Presiding Judge  
First Judicial District



<sup>1</sup> Supreme Court Order 1974.

<sup>2</sup> Special Order 8259 provides that any party may make a motion to the trial court to allow a jury trial to proceed despite a suspension. Upon receiving such a motion, the trial judge submits a recommendation to the presiding judge for decision after considering the factors identified in Order 8259.

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