

IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of:)
) Presiding Judge
) Administrative Order No. 21-09
The Suspension of Grand Jury in)
Utqiagvik)
)
_____)

ORDER SUSPENDING GRAND JURY IN UTQIAGVIK

Utqiagvik has experienced a dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the past week. The current 7-day case rate per 100,000 in the North Slope Borough is 1,095.1.¹ On September 2, 2021 there were 26 new cases identified, all of which were in Utqiagvik. On September 3, 2021, the North Slope Borough School District stopped in-person school participation through September 22, 2021. Given the serious elevation of the local risk level, and pursuant to the authority granted to the presiding judge by Alaska Supreme Court Order No. 8234, grand jury suspended from September 7, 2021-September 23, 2021.² Rule 5 is tolled during this time.³

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska this 7 day of September, 2021.

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Presiding Judge



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¹ Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. 2020 Population estimates: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Last updated on 09/03/2021.

² Alaska Supreme Court Order No.8234 states, "The presiding judge may limit or suspend in-person grand jury proceedings for any district or location when required for public health or to comply with local health mandates."

³ Pursuant to Supreme Court Order No. 1957