

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

In the Matter of: ) Presiding Judge  
) Administrative Order No. 21-12  
The Suspension of Grand Jury in ) (Updated 10/19/21)  
The Second Judicial District )  
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**UPDATED ORDER SUSPENDING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS**  
**IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

On February 1, 2021, the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court issued Order No. 8234, updated through Special Order of the Chief Justice Order No. 8331<sup>1</sup>. This order directs the presiding judge to consider limiting or suspending grand jury proceedings when DHSS reports 50-100+ cases per 100,000 over the last 7 days. As of October 5, 2021, DHSS 7-day case rate per 100,000 and local active cases in the Second Judicial District are as follows:

Region	7-Day Case Rate per 100,000	Local	Active Cases	Case rate per 100,000
Nome Census Area	992	Nome <sup>2</sup>	53	1,376
North Slope Borough	624	Utqiagvik <sup>3</sup>	49	1,117
Northwest Borough	1,846	Kotzebue <sup>4</sup>	44	1,338

Given the 7-day case rate and pursuant to the authority granted to the presiding judge in Special Order of Chief Justice 8234 and 8331, grand jury proceedings are suspended for the entire Second Judicial District from October 19, 2021- November 5, 2021. This suspension will be reviewed the week of November 1 to determine if an extension of this order is necessary. Rule 5 is tolled during this time.<sup>5</sup>

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



PAUL A. ROETMAN  
Presiding Judge

<sup>1</sup> Special Order of the Chief Justice 8234 <http://courts.alaska.gov/covid19/docs/soej-2021-8234.pdf>, and Special order of the Chief Justice 8331 <http://courts.alaska.gov/covid19/docs/soej-2021-8331.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Norton Sound Health Corporation Data Dashboard updated 10/18/21 <https://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/press-release-26-covid-19-cases-identified-over-weekend/>

<sup>3</sup> Arctic Slope Native Association Press Release 10/15/21 <https://arcticslope.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ASNA-Press-Release-October-15-2021-1.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> COVID-19 Case Update for Maniilaq Service Area 10/18/21 email from Kelli Shroyer

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Supreme Court Order No. 1974 <http://courts.alaska.gov/sco/docs/sco1974.pdf>

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