

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)
The Second Judicial District) Updated 11/24/21
)
_____)

**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. 8331.¹ 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 November 23, 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	1,147	Nome ²	89	2,311
North Slope Borough	552	Utqiagvik ³	21	479
Northwest Borough	1,358	Kotzebue ⁴	73	2,220

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 December 1st through December 31st, 2021. This suspension will be reviewed the week of December 27 to determine if an extension of this order is necessary. The time limit for preliminary examination under Alaska Criminal Rule 5(e) is tolled during this time and extended through January 31st.⁵

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska this 24th day of November, 2021.



PAUL A. ROETMAN
Presiding Judge

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

² Norton Sound Health Corporation updated 11/22/21 <https://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/press-release-19-covid-19-cases-identified-on-monday/>

³ Arctic Slope Native Association Press Release 11/19/21 <https://arcticslope.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ASNA-Press-Release-November-19-2021.pdf>

⁴ COVID-19 Case Update for Maniilaq Service Area 11/22/21 email from Kelli Shroyer

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

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