

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of:)
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The Suspension of Jury Trials in the)
Third Judicial District)
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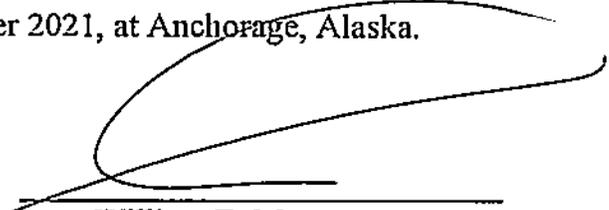
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As of 22 November 2021, the average daily rate of COVID-19 cases ranged from 28 to 63 per 100,000 persons in court locations in the third judicial district. Pursuant to the authority granted to the presiding judge by the Alaska Supreme Court in its Order No. 1974, paragraph 8, criminal jury trials in the third judicial district shall remain suspended until 10 January 2022.

The general trend of COVID-19 cases is downward. If that trend continues, then no further suspensions in the third judicial district will be necessary, although the holiday gatherings could reverse the trend.

Parties and counsel are advised that the chief justice is expected to issue an order in the next two weeks that as of 10 January 2022 the presumption will be that both civil and criminal trials may proceed, although presiding judges will have a limited authority to suspend trials in a court location where there are a significant number of COVID-19 cases or preclude a particular trial from proceeding because of factors specific to that case.

DONE this 23rd day of November 2021, at Anchorage, Alaska.



William F. Morse
Presiding Judge
Third Judicial District

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