

IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT BETHEL

IN THE MATTER OF:

Bethel Grand Jury
February 2021

Presiding Judge's Administrative Order
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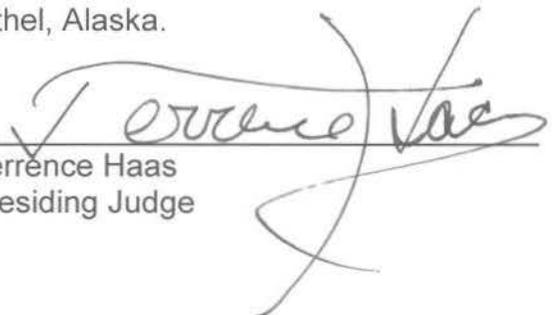
**PRESIDING JUDGE'S ORDER SUSPENDING GRAND JURY FOR THE BETHEL
SERVICE AREA FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

Pursuant to Special Order of the Chief Justice No. 8234 ("CJ Order") in-person grand jury proceedings may begin starting February 8, 2021. The same order authorizes the presiding judge of each judicial district to suspend in-person grand jury for any location where it is required for public health or to comply with local mandates.

According to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) COVID-19 data as of February 4, 2021 the 14 day case rate per 100,000 residents for the Y-K Delta region is 119.72. The CJ Order encourages the presiding judges to consider suspension of in-person grand jury when cases exceed 20-30 cases per 100,000.

Given the current rate of transmission in the Y-K Delta, even the most effective mitigation measures cannot adequately protect the public health for congregate in-person grand jury proceedings. In light of the foregoing, in person grand jury proceedings in Bethel are hereby suspended for the month of February.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2021 at Bethel, Alaska.


Terrence Haas
Presiding Judge

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