

Chief Judge, Twelfth Judicial District  
**12<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT-  
FOURTH AMENDED  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
REGARDING SUSPENSION  
OF JURY TRIALS**



**CHIEF JUDGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
2020-08  
Amended 10-20-2020  
Amended 11-10-2020  
Amended 01-01-2021  
Amended 02-09-2021**

This amended order supplements the Court's Administrative Order 2020-03, 2020-05 and 2020-06 as it relates to jury trials. Except as modified here, Administrative Orders 2020-03, 2020-05 and 2020-06 remain in full force and effect.

### **JURY TRIALS**

In the San Luis Valley as of February 9, 2021, there have been 2,804 positive COVID-19 cases and 49 deaths related to COVID-19. According to the San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership website there are currently 106 "active" cases. While overall case numbers seem to be decreasing, there still exists a significant number of active cases. Additionally, vaccines are available on a very limited basis. While remaining cognizant of the need for speedy disposition of cases, after considering the current circumstances statewide, as well as specific to the San Luis Valley, it is in the best interest of protecting the health and safety of jurors, court staff, attorneys, and litigants, **to suspend all jury trials in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District through April 2, 2021.** No person will be summoned to report for jury service in this district before April 5, 2021.

This Order is issued pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Chief Justice Order dated July 24, 2020. The provisions of this amended Administrative Order 2020-08 shall apply to all civil, D&N, and criminal jury trials held in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. All previously imposed aspects of this order shall remain in full force and effect.

I reserve the right to modify, revise, or vacate this order at any time to meet the health and safety needs of the public. This amended order is effective February 9, 2021.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

BY THE COURT:

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Michael A. Gonzales  
Chief Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District