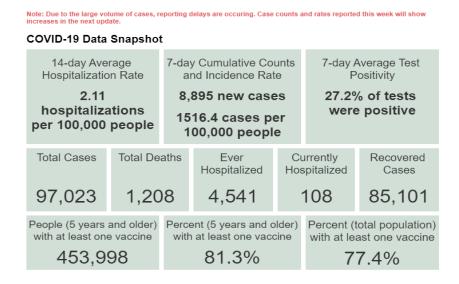


CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2022-02 STATE OF COLORADO FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF JURY TRIALS THROUGH FEBRUARY 11, 2022

The purpose of this order is to continue the temporary suspension of jury trials in the First Judicial District through February 11, 2022.

In the two weeks since the court entered its order suspending the commencement of jury trials through January 21, 2022, more persons continue to be infected with COVID, in particular the Omicron variant. *See* Order Suspending the Commencement of Jury Trials Through January 21, 2022 (December 31, 2021). Indeed, the most recent figures for Jefferson County are worse than those of two weeks ago:



The figures for Gilpin County also remain high. The rapid spread of the Omicron variant is concerning, and the jurisdiction has not reached the "plateau" health officials had hoped for.

After considering and evaluating available information from federal, state, and local health officials, the court has determined that public health and safety require the court to continue the temporary suspension of jury trials through February 11, 2022. This action follows the recommendation of and is fully supported by the Jefferson County Public Health Department.

Therefore, the court hereby suspends the commencement of all jury trials through February 11, 2022.

January 14, 2022.

Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge

First Judicial District