



**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:

Note: Due to the large volume of cases, reporting delays are occurring. Case counts and rates reported this week will show increases in the next update.

COVID-19 Data Snapshot

14-day Average Hospitalization Rate 2.11 hospitalizations per 100,000 people		7-day Cumulative Counts and Incidence Rate 8,895 new cases 1516.4 cases per 100,000 people		7-day Average Test Positivity 27.2% of tests were positive	
Total Cases	Total Deaths	Ever Hospitalized	Currently Hospitalized	Recovered Cases	
97,023	1,208	4,541	108	85,101	
People (5 years and older) with at least one vaccine		Percent (5 years and older) with at least one vaccine		Percent (total population) with at least one vaccine	
453,998		81.3%		77.4%	

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey R. Pilkington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey R. Pilkington, Chief Judge
First Judicial District