

<p>SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT: CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO</p> <p>City and County Building 1437 Bannock Street Denver, CO 80202</p> <p>Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse 520 West Colfax Avenue Denver, CO 80204</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p> <p>Courtroom: 259</p>
<p>Amended Chief Judge Administrative Order 2022-01</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">AMENDED CHIEF JUDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EXTENDING CJO 2022-01 REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS UNDER COVID-19 AND SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS</p>	

On January 3, 2022, after conferring with local public health officials and the Presiding Judges of Denver County, Juvenile, and Probate Courts, I entered an order suspending all jury trials in the 2nd Judicial District, in response to the overwhelming numbers of rising infections and due to the highly contagious nature of the Omicron variant. Since that time, I have continued tracking the prevailing Covid/Omicron indicators in Colorado and Denver. While recent numbers reflect a slight decrease in the primary disease indicators in our community, however, after conferring with DDPHE earlier this week, they cannot reliably project whether the decrease we’re seeing reflects a true reduction in Omicron/Covid cases in our community or, equally likely, decreasing numbers do not account for unreported home testing results and/or individuals who simply do not test because testing resources are unavailable. Simply, local public health officials cannot at this time credibly predict where this omicron variant will take our community next.

I have continued to monitor the current community progress in managing the ongoing presence of Omicron Covid in Denver. As of today, the following numbers are being reported:

In Colorado:

- 4.30 million people immunized with one vaccine dose
- 3.87 million people fully immunized (**66.6% of total Colorado population**)
- 1.78 million people have received a booster dose

In Denver:

- 579,653 residents immunized with one vaccine dose
- 526,425 residents fully immunized (**74.6% of total Denver population**)
- 261,792 residents have received a booster dose

Colorado's 7-day positivity rate is 26.39%. Denver's is 22.9%. The highest rate in the state is Lake County's 40.5%. Denver's 7-day cumulative incidence rate of new cases is 1,218 per 100,000 population. While these numbers do represent a modest decline on our indicators, these numbers remain alarmingly elevated as Omicron remains a highly contagious variant and thus continues to represent unnecessary risk to our staff, stakeholders, Judges and community members who we typically compel to attend court with other members of the public.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Chief Justice Order dated July 24, 2020, and upon conferral with the Presiding Judges of Denver County, Juvenile and Probate Courts, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

The Courts of the 2nd Judicial District (District Court, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, and County Court) hereby suspend the summoning of jurors for jury trials set through February 11, 2022. This order is subject to review and revision in accordance with prevailing public health trends as well as guidelines from the CDPHE and DDPHE.

Dated this 21st day of January, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



Michael A. Martinez
Chief Judge, 2nd Judicial District