



**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO
DENVER COUNTY**

**FOURTH AMENDED)
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER) 2020-04
REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS)
UNDER COVID-19 AND)
SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS)**

On October 30, 2020, I entered the Third Amended Order on Limited Court Operations and Suspension of Jury Trials (CJO 2020 – 04). This order incorporates the findings and recitations set forth in that order. Since the October 30, 2020 Order was issued, our court has continued to monitor the status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community. COVID-19 remains pervasively impactful throughout the world, our country and our state. The City and County of Denver is no exception.

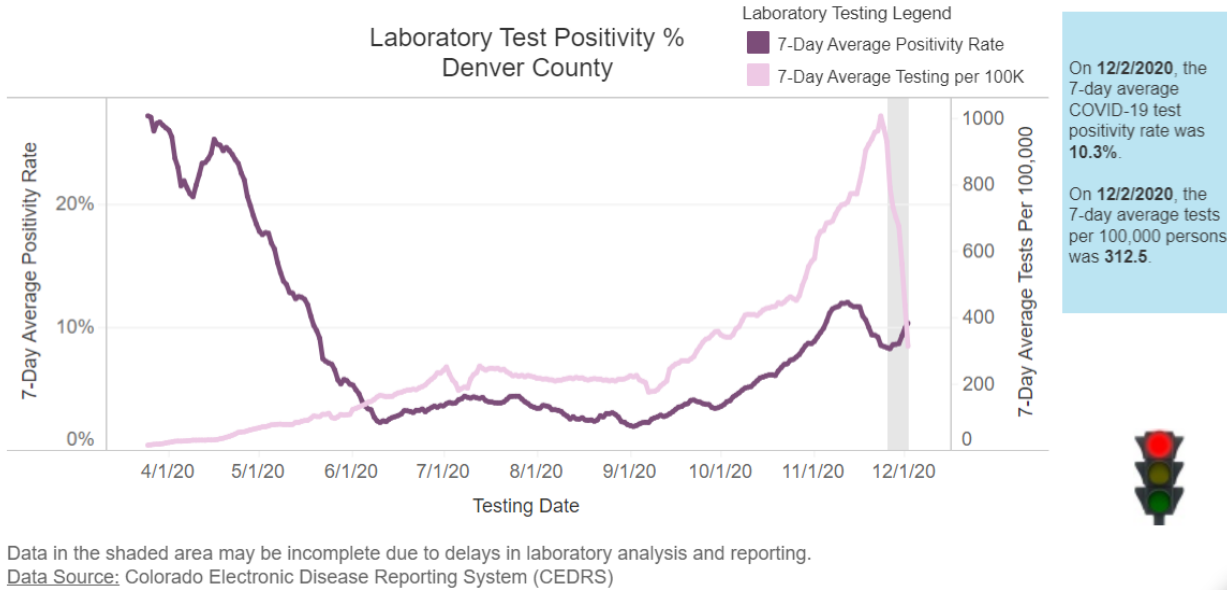
The history of public health and executive orders is well documented in the Third Amended Order on Limited Court Operations and Suspension of Jury Trials (CJO 2020-04). The following recitation reflects the ongoing efforts undertaken to combat COVID-19 since October 30, 2020. The three-pronged criteria for assessing COVID prevalence in the community remains unchanged and is based on three data metrics: new COVID-19 cases over a two-week period (per 100,000 people), testing positivity rate, and impact on hospitalizations.

On November 2, 2020, CDPHE issued Public Health Order 20-36 (“CDPHE PHO 20-36”), which supersedes and replaces CDPHE Public Health Orders 20-32 and 20-35.

On November 3, 2020, DDPHE adopted CDPHE PHO 20-36 and rescinded and superseded its order dated September 18, 2020.

On November 6, 2020, DDPHE issued a public health order (“Home by 10 Order”), that created additional measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. On November 17, 2020, CDPHE amended CDPHE PHO 20-36 (“First Amended PHO 20-36”). The First Amended PHO 20-36, created, among other things, a new Level Red: Severe Risk and a new Level Purple: Extreme Risk. On November 17, 2020, CDPHE moved the City and County of Denver to Level Red: Severe Risk, effective Friday, November 20, 2020 at 5 p.m. **This was announced by Mayor Hancock on November 17, 2020 with full implementation to be completed by November 20, 2020.**

As of December 3, 2020 the Denver County two-week cumulative incidence rate was 954 per 100,000 persons, as reported by the Denver Public Health COVID-19 Surveillance System. Denver Public Health COVID-19 Caution Metrics also reflect a 7-day average positivity rate of 10.3% for Denver County as of this week.



Due to the ongoing public health issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is inappropriate at this time for the courts of the 2nd Judicial District to continue hearing jury trials.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Chief Justice Order dated July 24, 2020, 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 5, 2021**. **No person will be summoned to report for jury service in this court before February 8, 2021**. This order is subject to review and revision in accordance with prevailing public health guidelines from the CDPHE and DDPHE.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

MICHAEL A. MARTINEZ
 Chief Judge, 2nd Judicial District