

<p>FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT EL PASO COUNTY AND TELLER COUNTY</p>	<p>Chief Judge Order 21-09 June 24, 2021</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHIEF JUDGE ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS BEGINNING JULY 6, 2021</b></p>	

**I. BACKGROUND**

On May 17, 2021 Chief Justice Brian Boatright issued his Order Regarding Safety in Colorado Courthouses, which continued the requirement that all people in the public areas of Colorado Courthouses wear masks until June 18, 2021. This order left it to each Chief Judge to consult with local health authorities to decide what social-distancing requirements should be continued.

The Chief Justice’s May 17, 2021 order expired June 18, 2021. On June 18, 2021, the Chief Justice issued his Updated Order Regarding Safety in Colorado Courthouses. Beginning June 19, 2021, the chief judge of each judicial district is authorized to determine mask and social-distancing requirements for courthouses and probation offices in their judicial district. Chief judges must make these decisions in consultation with local public health officials after consideration of local circumstances, including vaccination rates, COVID positivity rates and other COVID metrics, courthouse layout, and staffing needs.

In entering this Chief Judge Order, I have consulted with the health departments for both El Paso County and Teller County.

Since Fourth Judicial District CJO 21-07 issued on May 18, 2021, the Covid-19 incidence numbers have been steadily declining in both El Paso and Teller Counties, as shown in the graphs on the following page:

El Paso County:



# COVID-19 Incidence

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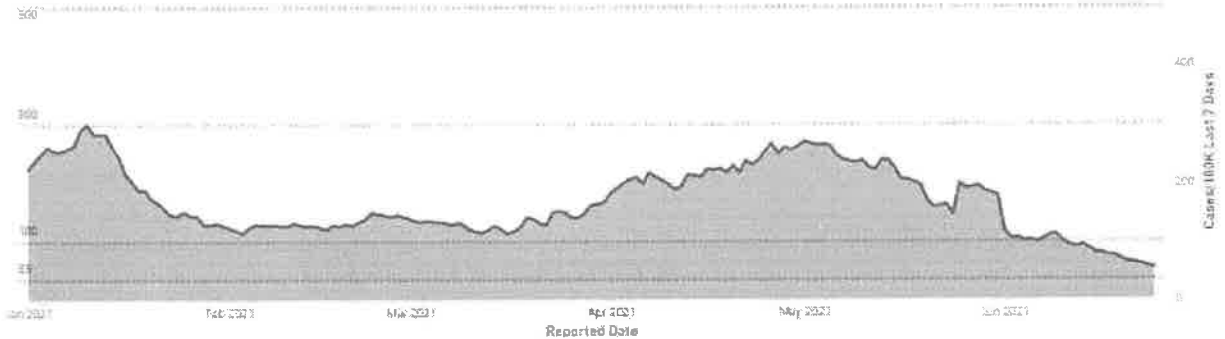
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**948**  
Last 14 Days
**395**  
Last Week
**169**  
Last 3 Days
**57**  
Yesterday
**0**  
Today

1/1/2021 6/24/2021

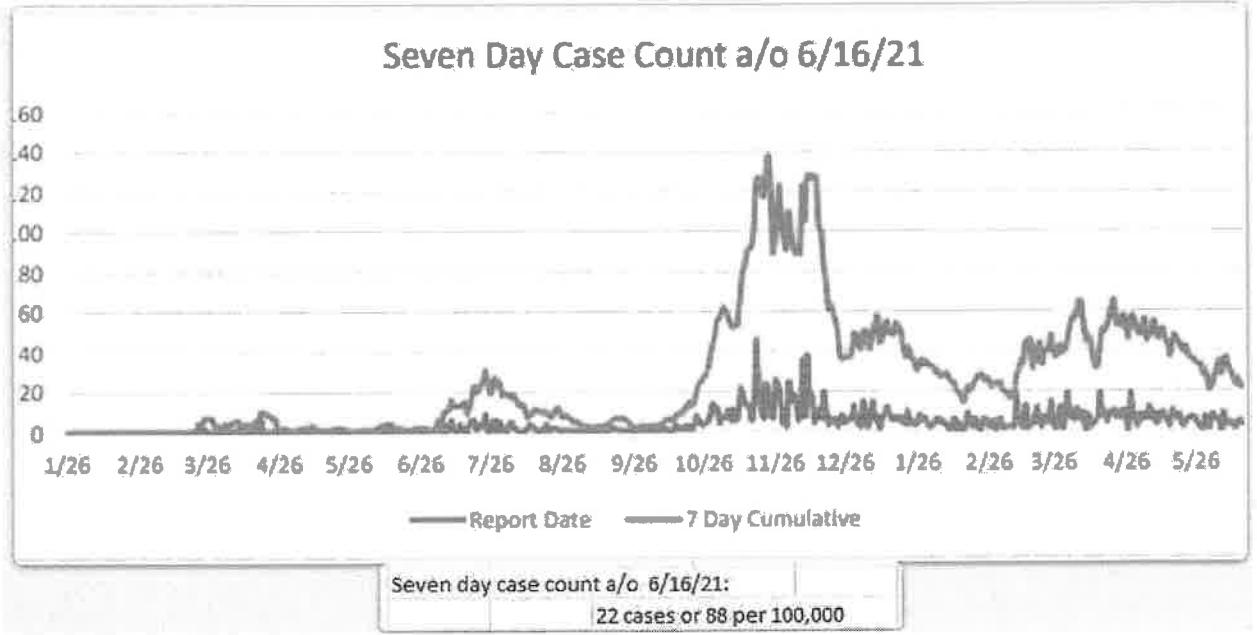


7-Day Incidence per 100,000



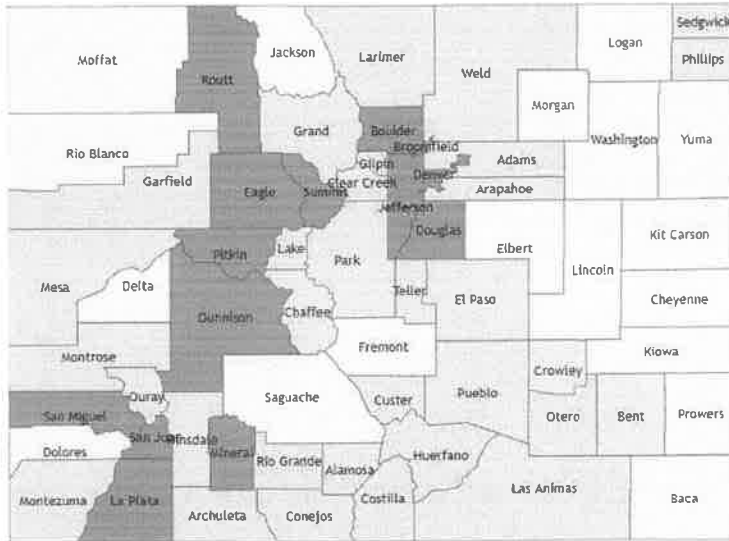
<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/covid19-vaccine-data-dashboard>

Teller County:



<https://www.tellerCovid.com/>

As of June 24, 2021, 44.8% of El Paso County residents are fully immunized. In Teller County, 47.8% of residents are fully immunized.



Costilla	54.7%
Lake	54.6%
Hinsdale	54.6%
Rio Grande	54.4%
Garfield	53.4%
Archuleta	53.2%
Las Animas	52.4%
Clear Creek	51.7%
Weld	51.3%
Gilpin	50.9%
Alamosa	49.2%
Phillips	47.4%
Huerfano	47.3%
Teller	47%
Pueblo	46.4%
Montezuma	45.7%
Sedgwick	44.8%
El Paso	44.8%
Conejos	41.1%
Custer	41.1%
Otero	41%
Mesa	40.9%
Montrose	40.9%
Park	40.9%
Morgan	39.8%
Delta	39.8%
Yuma	38.3%

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-data-dashboard>

Since April 2, 2021, all adult citizens in Colorado have been eligible to obtain a Covid-19 vaccination. I find that those citizens who want to be fully vaccinated have had ample opportunity to be fully vaccinated.

## II. MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ORDERS ARE RESCINDED

In light of the above information, I hereby substitute this order for all of my previous Covid-19 Chief Judge Orders.

**Starting July 6, 2021, masks will no longer be required in the courthouse,** with the exception that all jail inmates shall be masked when they are in any courthouse.

Anyone in the courthouse who has not been fully vaccinated is encouraged to wear a mask in the courthouse.

**Social distancing is no longer required,** although distancing is encouraged for those who are not fully vaccinated.

### **III. JURY TRIALS**

**Jury trials will no longer be limited in number, as they have been since July 2020.** Beginning July 6, 2021, 300 Jurors will be summoned for 8:00 a.m., with more jurors available later in the day, as needed.

### **IV. WEBEX**

The courts have relied on Webex to conduct most of their business for more than a year. Webex has proven to offer an efficient method of communication for some court appearances, especially those lasting only a few minutes.

**The judicial officers and staff for the Fourth Judicial District are encouraged to preserve the use of Webex where there are significant efficiencies to be gained for stakeholders, especially for court business not lasting more than several minutes.**

The Webex information for each division is available to the public at:

**El Paso County:** <https://tinyurl.com/y4259jb6>

**Teller County:** <https://tinyurl.com/yxuz5ya4>

Courtroom division phone number information is also attached to the end of this order.

### **V. SELF-HELP CENTER**

The self-help center at the El Paso County Courthouse will be open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parties without attorneys are encouraged to e-file through the Colorado Courts E-filing (CCE) system or by mail. There will no longer be a drop box at the front entrance to the El Paso County courthouse, nor will parties be permitted to email documents to the Clerk of Court (COC) email address. All court forms and instructions can be found at [https://www.courts.state.co.us/Self Help/Index.cfm](https://www.courts.state.co.us/SelfHelp/Index.cfm). For additional assistance or to schedule a virtual self-help session, please email [04SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:04SelfHelp@judicial.state.co.us) or call (719) 452-5100.

**VI. DIVISION CVL**

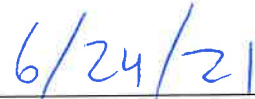
This order does not affect **Division CVL's Operating Order.**

**VII. PROBATION**

The Probation Department is returning to conducting most business in person at its courthouse offices. All defendants sentenced to probation or ordered to complete any kind of evaluation or a Pre-Sentence Investigation on or after July 6, 2021 must report in person immediately to the probation office. Clients who have already been assigned a probation officer can call their PO directly, email [firstname.lastname@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:firstname.lastname@judicial.state.co.us), or contact the Probation Department directly at 719-452-5900 to confirm their appointment. Video conferencing appointments will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis by the assigned probation officer. The probation lobby hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.



Will Bain  
Chief Judge



Date



## Division Phone Numbers:

El Paso County Clerk's Office	719-452-5000
Teller County Clerk's Office	719-689-7360
Div 1 – Judge Billings Vela	719-452-5229
Div 2 – Judge David Prince	719-452-5235
Div 3 – Judge Thomas K. Kane	719-452-5274
Div 4 – Judge David Shakes (Vet Court)	719-452-5279
Div 5 – Judge Jessica Curtis	719-452-5365
Div 6 – Judge Chad Miller	719-452-5544
Div 7 – Judge David Gilbert	719-452-5287
Div 8 – Judge Eric Bentley	719-452-5449
Div 9 – Judge Timothy Schutz	719-452-5358
Div 10 – Judge Erin Sokol	719-452-5446
Div 11 – Judge Scott Sells (Teller District)	719-689-6926
Div 12 – Judge Laura Findorff	719-452-5244
Div 13 – Judge Marcus Henson	719-452-5281
Div 14 – Judge Marla Prudek	719-452-5233
Div 15 – Judge Gregory R. Werner	719-452-5285
Div 16 – Judge G. David Miller	719-452-5255
Div 17 – Judge Jann DuBois	719-452-5259
Div 18 – Judge Deborah Grohs	719-452-5443
Div 19 – Judge Robin Chittum	719-452-5352
Div 20 – Judge Jill Brady	719-452-5291
Div 21 – Judge Michael McHenry	719-452-5547
Div 22 – Judge William Bain	719-452-5522
Div 23 – Judge Catherine Mitchell Helton	719-452-5177
Div 24 – Judge Frances Johnson	719-452-5122
Div A – Judge Denise Peacock	719-452-5349
Div B – Judge Samuel Evig	719-452-5207
Div C – Judge Monica Gomez	719-452-5203
Div D – Judge Dennis McGuire	719-452-5191
Div E – Judge Sam Burney	719-452-5355
Div F – Judge Steve Katzman	719-452-5360
Div G – Judge Ann Rotolo	719-452-5242
Div H – Judge Shannon Gerhart	719-452-5193
Div J – Judge Meredith Patrick Cord	719-452-5420
Div K – Judge Douglas Miles (DV Court)	719-452-5197
Div T – Judge Theresa Kilgore (Teller County)	719-689-7360
Div 5L – Magistrate Daphne Burlingame (Drug/Heals)	719-452-5210
Div CVL – Magistrate Andrea Paprzycki	Email: D04_Courts_DivCVL
Div M – Magistrate Greg Duncan	719-452-5392
Div N – Magistrate Shawn Witkus	719-452-5201
Div NCS – Magistrate Karen Parrot (Child Support)	719-452-5252
Div O – Magistrate Bill Moller	719-452-5523
Div P – Magistrate Lara Nafziger	719-452-5221
Div Q – Magistrate Jami Vigil (DUI and Family Drug)	719-452-5401
Div R – Magistrate William Trujillo	719-452-5212
Div S – Magistrate David Lindeman	719-452-5216
Div V – Magistrate Jayne Candea-Ramsey	719-452-5248
Div W – Magistrate Vincent Rahaman	719-452-5003
Div X – Magistrate Lauren Bynum	719-452-5540
Div Y – Magistrate Gail Warkentin	719-452-5415
Div Z – Magistrate Jeffrey Saufley	719-452-5419