

<p>NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, COLORADO  Court Address:       Garfield County Courthouse                                109 Eighth St., Suite 104                                Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601</p> <p>Phone Number:       970-928-3065</p> <hr/> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> COURT USE ONLY <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>The Honorable James B. Boyd</p>	<p>Administrative Order 22-01</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS</b></p>	

As reflected in prior Administrative Orders, the Ninth Judicial District has monitored, and adjusted to, changing circumstances related to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. As widely reported, the Omicron variant is driving a new and dramatic surge of coronavirus infections. The surge is here in the 9<sup>th</sup> District and expected to endure for some period of time.

In the last seven days (Dec. 30, 2021 to January 6, 2022), as reported by the CDPHE, the one-week incident rate (cases per 100,000 population) has risen in all 9<sup>th</sup> judicial district counties:

- Garfield County from 523.3 to 1049.9 (risk level red)
- Pitkin County from 2764.5 to 3507.9 (risk level red)
- Rio Blanco County from 153 to 336.7 (risk level orange)

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The one-week test positivity rate has also risen in all three counties:

Garfield County from 14.9% to 27% (risk level red)  
Pitkin County from 30.9% to 36.7% (risk level red)  
Rio Blanco County from 4% to 7.6% (risk level orange)

The CDC expects persons infected with the surging Omicron variant “can spread the virus to others, even if they are vaccinated or don’t have symptoms.”

Based on the current surge, 15 of Colorado’s 22 judicial districts are suspending jury trials, some on different schedules.

Due to these worsening circumstances, the courts of the Ninth District cannot safely assemble juries at present.

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 Ninth Judicial District hereby suspend the summoning of jurors for jury trials set through **January 28, 2022**. Any persons with a summons to report for jury duty during this time period are not required to appear.

Jury commissioners shall continue to summon jurors for any jury trials scheduled to begin on or after January 31, 2022. Jurors who have a jury summons for a date to appear commencing on or after January 31, 2022, should continue to

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monitor the Court's website for updates.

Except to confirm jurors will not be summoned and juries will not be available for the time covered by this order, this order by itself does not change any settings; specific changes shall only be by order of the judge presiding over a particular case.

This order is subject to review and revision in accordance with ongoing pandemic trends and public health guidelines.

Done on January 6, 2022.

BY THE COURT

  
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Chief Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District