

District Court, Weld County, State of Colorado Court Address: 901 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2038, Greeley, CO 80632-2038	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</b></p>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-20(B)</b> (Revised December 17, 2020)	
<b>REVISED ORDER SUSPENDING JURY CALLS IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT THROUGH MARCH 1, 2021</b>	

On November 6, 2020, I issued *Administrative Order 2020-20 Suspending Jury Calls in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Through January 19, 2021*. I incorporate the provisions of Administrative Orders 2020-17 and 2020-20 into this Order through this reference.

I met with the judges on December 16, 2020 and we discussed the current health circumstances in Weld County and Colorado, as well as information from state and national health authorities projecting increases in positivity rates, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID-19. Based on the available data and advice from the judges in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, I hereby suspend jury calls until March 1, 2021, including summoning persons for grand jury selection. Pursuant to C.R.S. §13-71-120, I find that the efficient administration of justice requires extension of the current grand jury panel past twelve months of service until such time that the 2021-2022 grand jury can be safely empaneled, but not to exceed sixteen months of service from the date the present grand jury was empaneled. The Court requests the District Attorney’s Office to please notify the grand jurors of this extension.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) continues to utilize the COVID-19 Dial Dashboard, which includes data collected across three matrices for each county:

1. **New cases-** this matrix tracks how much the virus is circulating within the county;
2. **Percent positivity-** this matrix tracks the level of virus transmission;
3. **Impact on hospitalizations-** this matrix tracks whether hospitalizations are increasing, stabilizing, or declining.

When I issued Administrative Order 2020-20 on November 6, 2020, the CDPHE employed a five-level dial categorizing the risk levels existing in the county. The five levels, from least to most restrictive, are:

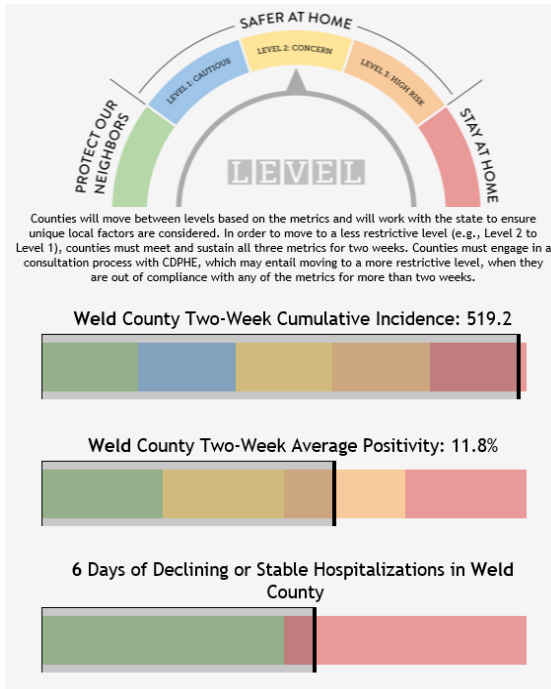
1. **Level Green** – Protect Our Neighbors;
2. **Level Blue**- Safer at Home Cautious;
3. **Level Yellow**- Safer at Home Concern;
4. **Level Orange**- Safer at Home High Risk;
5. **Level Red**- Stay at Home.

The CDPHE has since revised the dial by re-classifying some of the categories and adding a sixth category:

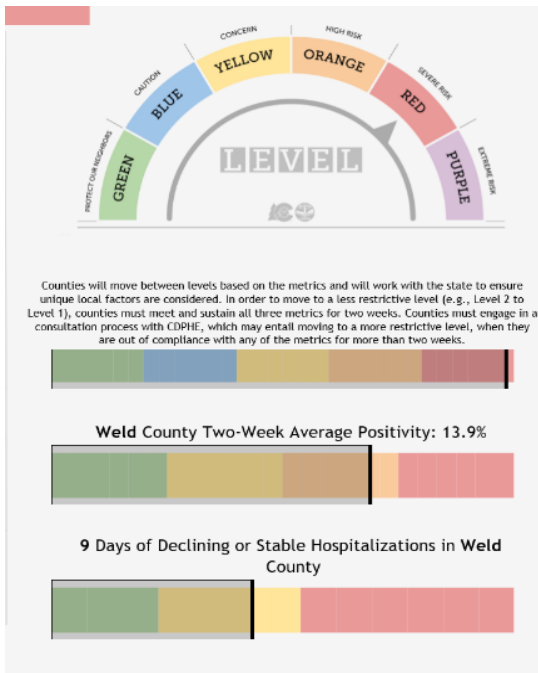
1. **Level Green** – Protect Our Neighbors;
2. **Level Blue**- Cautious;
3. **Level Yellow**- Concern;
4. **Level Orange**- High Risk;
5. **Level Red**- Severe Risk;
6. **Level Purple**- Extreme Risk.

On November 6, 2020, Weld County was listed in the Level Yellow category:





Today, Weld County has a two-week incident rate of 956.3 per 100,000 persons, which represents almost a doubling of the two-week incident rate on November 6, 2020 (519.2 per 100,000); the two-week positivity rate is 13.9%; and there have been nine days of stable or declining hospitalizations:

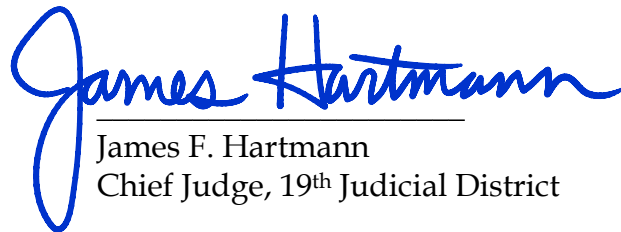


Pursuant to the authority provided to Chief Judges by the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court through Chief Justice Directive 95-01, *Authority and Responsibility*

of Chief Judges, I hereby order that all jury calls in the Nineteenth Judicial District be suspended through March 1, 2021. I am not vacating AO 2020-17 at this time and will consider whether any amendments to that order are necessary once we resume jury trials in the Nineteenth Judicial District. I reserve the right to modify, revise, or extend Administrative Order 2020-20(B) at any time, based on then-existing data, health-related considerations, and all other circumstances impacting court operations.

Dated: December 17, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



James F. Hartmann  
Chief Judge, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District