



**20<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF COLORADO**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER** 22-101  
**SUBJECT:** Suspension of Jury Trials

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**To:** All Judicial Officers, Court Executive, Clerk of Court, Court Staff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Boulder County Bar Association, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Staff, Community Justice Services, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jail, Law Enforcement

**From:** **Ingrid S. Bakke**  
Chief Judge

**DATE:** January 3, 2022

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In response to the recent changes in COVID health safety risks, particularly the rapid increase in positivity rates for the Omicron variant, at this time the courts are not able to safely assemble jurors in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

Boulder Public Health maintains a weekly surveillance report. The report issued December 27, 2021 indicates the Boulder County one-week cumulative incidence rate according to the CDC tracker is 336.30 cases/100,000 persons in the last 7 days, higher than the previous week, which is *High Transmission Red*. Additionally, all counties surrounding Boulder County remain in High Transmission/Red. Testing positivity rates from the previous week were at 4.4% and during this reporting period increased to 9.6%. Additionally, Boulder County deaths related to COVID have substantially increased over the last 7 weeks according to the surveillance report.

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, it is ordered that all jury calls in the 20th Judicial District be suspended through January 28, 2022. COVID data for Boulder County will be closely monitored and this Administrative Order may be modified, revised, or extended at any time, based on then-existing data, health-related considerations, input from the members of the bench and all other circumstances impacting court operations.

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Hon. Ingrid S. Bakke  
Chief Judge  
Twentieth Judicial District