

On January 4, 2022, Administrative Order 22-1 was issued suspending jury trials in the 10th Judicial District through January 28, 2022. The findings and data contained in Administrative Order 22-1 are incorporated into the present order by reference.

The court has consistently heeded federal, state, and/or local public health guidance and monitored data related to the pandemic. On January 3, 2022, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”) website showed Pueblo County’s positivity rate at 12%. One day later, CDPHE had the positivity rate at 15.9%. At the time, this was the highest positivity rate shown on CDPHE’s website in over a year. As of this date, the CDPHE shows the County’s positivity rate to be 28.4%. The one week cumulative incidence rate is 1,762.8 cases per 100,000. All but seven counties in the State of Colorado are in the “red zone” indicating high transmissibility and high positivity rates.

After considering and evaluating the available information from federal, state, and local health officials the Court has determined that public health and safety require the court to extend the suspension of jury trials through February 11, 2022, at a minimum. As it has throughout the pandemic, the Court will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 data and rely on the recommendations of health officials.

Therefore and effective immediately, the court hereby suspends the commencement of jury trials through February 11, 2022, unless individual exceptions are granted (in exceptional circumstances) and can be accommodated in a manner that minimizes risk to the public and staff.

January 19, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



DEBORAH EYLER, CHIEF JUDGE