



**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO
DENVER COUNTY**

**SIXTH AMENDED)
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER) 2020-04
REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS)
UNDER COVID-19 AND)
SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS)**

On December 31, 2020, I entered the Fifth Amended Order on Limited Court Operations and Suspension of Jury Trials (CJO 2020 – 04). This order incorporates the findings and recitations set forth in that order and prior versions, including the Third and Fourth Amended Orders on Limited Court Operations and Suspension of Jury Trials (CJO 2020-04).

Since the issuance of these orders, we have continued to monitor the status of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19) and emerging variants in our community, and adjusted operations accordingly to ensure that we can safely conduct as many essential functions as possible while continuing to provide a safe environment for both the public and our staff.

The three-pronged criteria for assessing COVID-19 prevalence in the community remains based on three data metrics: new COVID-19 cases over a two-week period (per 100,000 people), testing positivity rate, and impact on hospitalizations. From December to present, we have been monitoring the following:

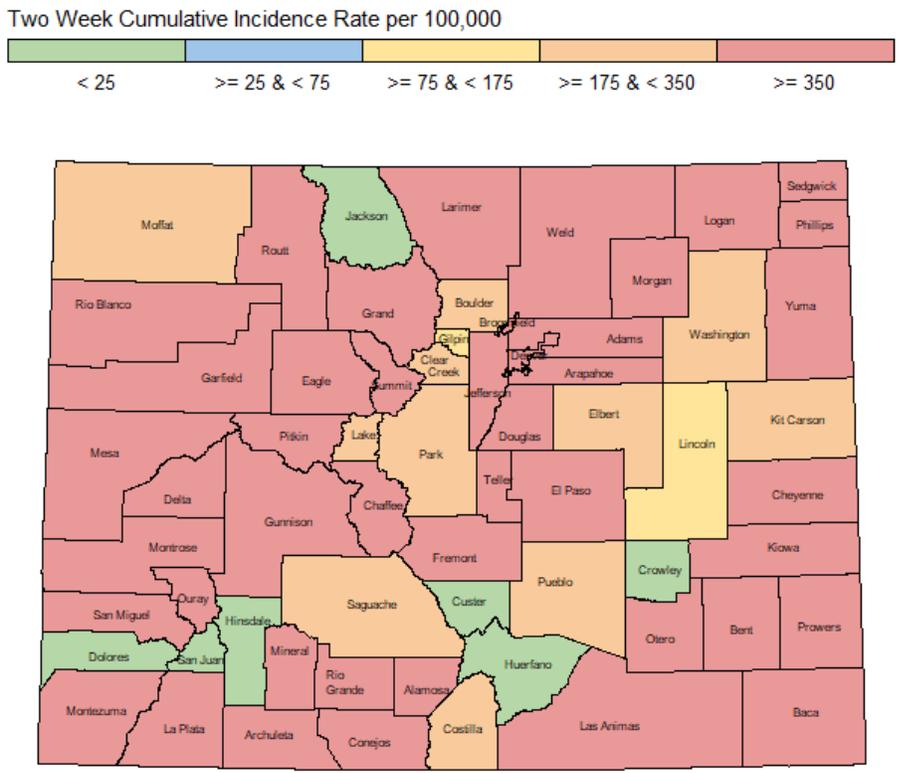
On or about December 9, 2020, authorities in London reported that a new variant of the pandemic SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus was identified, as B.1.1.7, and is notable for its capacity to spread more rapidly than previous strains of the coronavirus, in some instances as much as 40% to 70% more transmissible than the current virus. On December 30, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) confirmed the first case of the B.1.1.7 found in Colorado.

As of January 25, 2021 there have been 10 reported variant cases in Colorado currently under investigation.

On December 30, 2020, Governor Polis, citing improvement in the number of cases and decreased usage of ICU facilities, announced his request that CDPHE move 33 of 64 counties in Colorado, including Denver County, from the Red level (Severe Risk) to the Orange level (High Risk).

Although Denver County was subsequently moved to Level Orange consistent with this request, the two-week cumulative incidence rate (per 100,000 people) for Denver County remains consistent with “Level Red” metrics. The below chart taken from the CDPHE “Colorado COVID-19 Incidence” website is color-coded consistent with COVID-19 Dial metrics, and depicts prevalence of this metric as of January 21, 2021.

January 21



Due to the ongoing public health issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is inappropriate at this time for the courts of the 2nd Judicial District to commence hearing jury trials.

Pursuant to the authority granted in Chief Justice Directive 95-01 and Chief Justice Order dated July 24, 2020, and upon conferral with the Presiding Judges of Denver County, Juvenile and Probate Courts, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

The Courts of the 2nd Judicial District (District Court, Probate Court, Juvenile Court, and County Court) hereby suspend the summoning of jurors for jury trials set through April 2, 2021. No person will be summoned to report for jury service in this court before April 5, 2021. This order is subject to review and revision in accordance with prevailing public health guidelines from the CDPHE and DDPHE.

Dated this 25th day of January 2021.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Martinez", written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL A. MARTINEZ
Chief Judge, 2nd Judicial District