

IN THE TRIAL COURTS FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of:)
) Presiding Judge
) Administrative Order No. 21-07
)
 The Suspension of Jury Trials)
 in the Kotzebue Trial Courts)
)
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ORDER SUSPENDING KOTZEBUE JURY TRIALS

As of August 2, 2021, Kotzebue and the surrounding villages served by the Maniilaq Health Service Area, within the Second Judicial District, have experienced a dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. There are currently 30 active COVID-19 cases in the region, 14 of which are in Kotzebue. Given the serious elevation of the local risk level and pursuant to the authority granted to the presiding judge by Alaska Supreme Court Order No. 1974, paragraph 8, it is necessary to suspend August jury trials in Kotzebue.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT,

1. Trials for cases currently set to begin August 6 are suspended and will be reset for the September 3 trial call with trials to begin September 10, 2021.
2. The State shall submit to the Court and parties no later than 10:00 a.m. August 27, 2021 an updated list recommending the order of trials.

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska, this 3rd of August, 2021.



PAUL A. ROETMAN
Presiding Judge
Second Judicial District

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