

IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT FAIRBANKS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Fairbanks Jury Trial Suspension  
April 28, 2021 through May 14, 2021

Presiding Judge's Administrative Order  
21- 07

**PRESIDING JUDGE'S ORDER SUSPENDING FAIRBANKS REGION  
IN-PERSON JURY TRIALS THROUGH MAY 14, 2021**

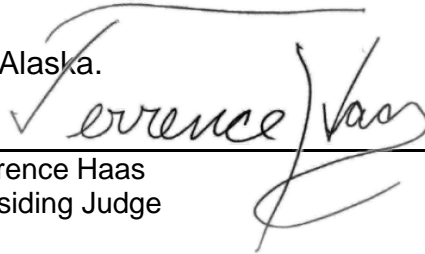
Special Order of the Chief Justice No. 8259 ("CJ Order") authorizes the presiding judge of each judicial district to suspend in-person jury trials "for any district or location when required for public health or to comply with local mandates."

According to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services COVID-19 data as of April 27, 2021 the 14 day case rate per 100,000 residents for the Fairbanks region is currently 41.54. The current CJ Order encourages the presiding judges to consider suspension of in-person jury trials when cases exceed 20-30 cases per 100,000 or "the local risk level is otherwise seriously elevated."

Given the current and rising rate of transmission in the Fairbanks region including Nenana, Delta Junction and Tok it is not consistent with public health to conduct additional misdemeanor jury trials at those locations at this time. **Jury trials not already begun in the Fairbanks region are hereby suspended through May 14, 2021.** Given the current COVID procedures in place pursuant to 4<sup>th</sup> District PJ Order 21-04, jury trials currently being conducted in the Fairbanks region as of the date of this order may proceed to verdict.

Jury trials may still be scheduled and conducted in Fairbanks before May 14, 2021 only by order of the presiding judge upon motion to the trial judge as permitted by the CJ Order.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2021 at Bethel, Alaska.

  
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Terrence Haas  
Presiding Judge

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