

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

In the Matter of:	)	Presiding Judge
	)	Administrative Order No. 21-12
<b>The Suspension of Grand Jury in</b>	)	Updated
<b>The Second Judicial District</b>	)	
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**ORDER SUSPENDING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS IN  
THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

On February 1, 2021, the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court issued Order No. 8234, updated through Special Order of the Chief Justice Order No. 8331<sup>1</sup>. This order directs the presiding judge to consider limiting or suspending grand jury proceedings when DHSS reports 50-100+ cases per 100,000 over the last 7 days. As of October 5, 2021, DHSS 7-day case rate per 100,000 and local active cases in the Second Judicial District are as follows:

Region	7-Day Case Rate per 100,000	Local	Active Cases	Case rate per 100,000
Nome Census Area	2,027	Nome <sup>2</sup>	87	2,260
North Slope Borough	768	Utqiagvik <sup>3</sup>	56	1,277
Northwest Borough	1,754	Kotzebue <sup>4</sup>	62	1,886

Given the 7-day case rate and pursuant to the authority granted to the presiding judge in Special Order of Chief Justice 8234 and 8331, grand jury proceedings are suspended for the entire Second Judicial District from November 8- November 30, 2021. This suspension will be reviewed the week of November 22 to determine if an extension of this order is necessary. The time limit for preliminary examination under Alaska Criminal Rule 5(e) is tolled during this time and extended through December 30.<sup>5</sup>

Dated at Kotzebue, Alaska this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
 PAUL A. ROETMAN  
 Presiding Judge
 

<sup>1</sup> Special Order of the Chief Justice 8234 <http://courts.alaska.gov/covid19/docs/socj-2021-8234.pdf>, and Special order of the Chief Justice 8331 <http://courts.alaska.gov/covid19/docs/socj-2021-8331.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Norton Sound Health Corporation updated 11/01/21 <https://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/press-release-108-covid-19-cases-identified-over-weekend/>

<sup>3</sup> Arctic Slope Native Association Press Release 11/01/21 <https://arcticslope.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ASNA-Press-Release-November-1-2021.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> COVID-19 Case Update for Maniilaq Service Area 11/01/21 email from Kelli Shroyer

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Supreme Court Order No. 1974 <http://courts.alaska.gov/sco/docs/sco1974.pdf>

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