

**MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 01-2022****SUBJECT:** COVID Protocols and Jury Trials**DATE:** January 4, 2022

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This order is issued to provide guidance to summoned jurors, attorneys, litigants, and all others associated with any jury trials in the Lafayette Municipal Court considering the public health risk posed by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and its variants. The new variants of the COVID-19 virus have created significant public health risks. In response, numerous advisories and orders have been issued by the Center for Disease Control, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Boulder County Public Health. These entities recommend taking active steps to slow the spread of the disease, as well as precautions to reduce the risk of exposure

As of today, the one-week cumulative incidence rate according to Boulder County Public Health is 585.2 cases/100,000 persons, which is High Transmission Red under the state of Colorado’s former statewide COVID dial. Testing positivity rates were at 20.2% as of January 3, 2022, up from 9.6% for the week ending December 27, 2021, and 4.4% for the previous week, indicating a sharp upward trend. Other metrics are similarly concerning. These increased rates are likely driven by the Omicron variant, which is thought to be at least twice as transmissible as the Delta variant.

Based on this data, the court finds that it is unable to safely assemble jurors for jury trials. Therefore, all jury trials for the Lafayette Municipal Court are suspended through February 21, 2022.

To the extent this Order differs from previous Orders, this Order supersedes those orders.

So ordered this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Bailhache".

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Hon. Amanda Bailhache  
Presiding Municipal Judge  
City of Lafayette