



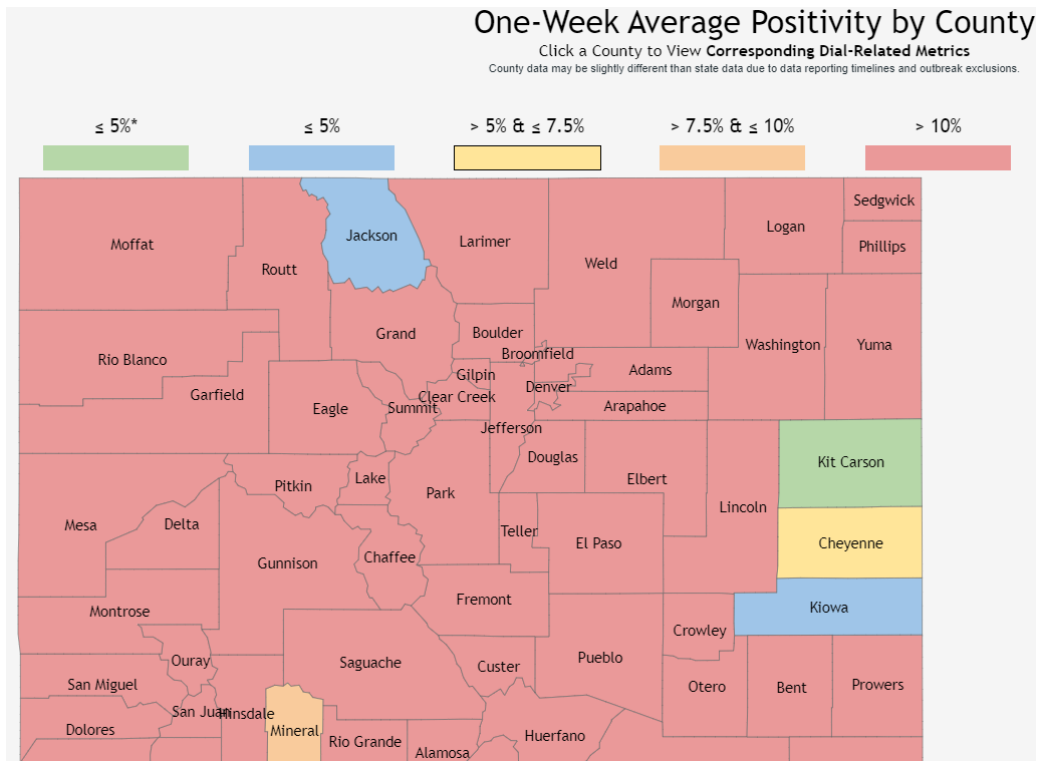
EL PASO COUNTY AND TELLER COUNTY COMBINED COURTS
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2022-4

RE: JURY TRIALS SCHEDULED JANUARY 31st–FEBRUARY 11th, 2022

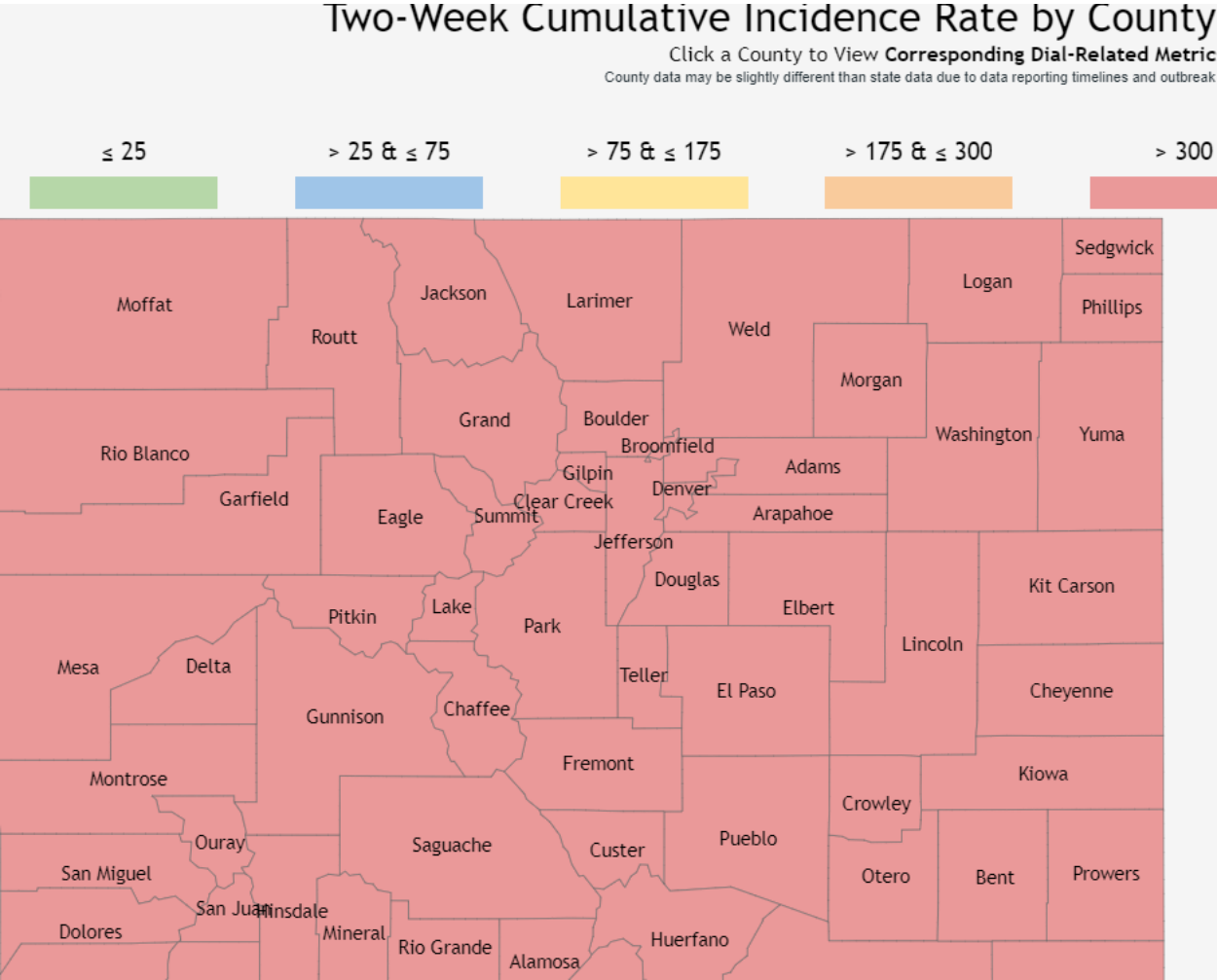
Based on the current Covid-19 incidence and positivity rates in both El Paso and Teller counties, I find that the courts for the Fourth Judicial District are still not able to safely assemble jurors in the 4th Judicial District.

According to the Colorado Department of Health, El Paso County has had a positivity rate of 30.2% and Teller County has had a positivity rate of 22.5% over the past week:



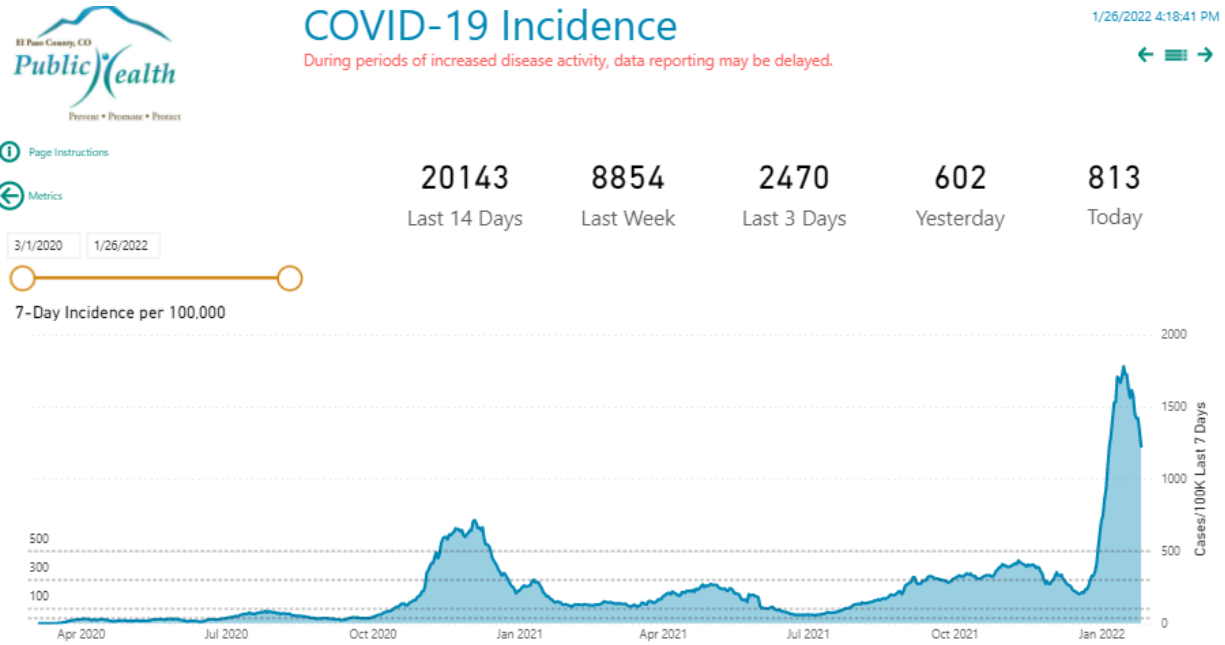
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According to the Colorado Department of Health, El Paso County has had an incidence rate of 2,784 per 100,000 and Teller County has had an incidence rate of 2,046 per 100,000 over the past two weeks:

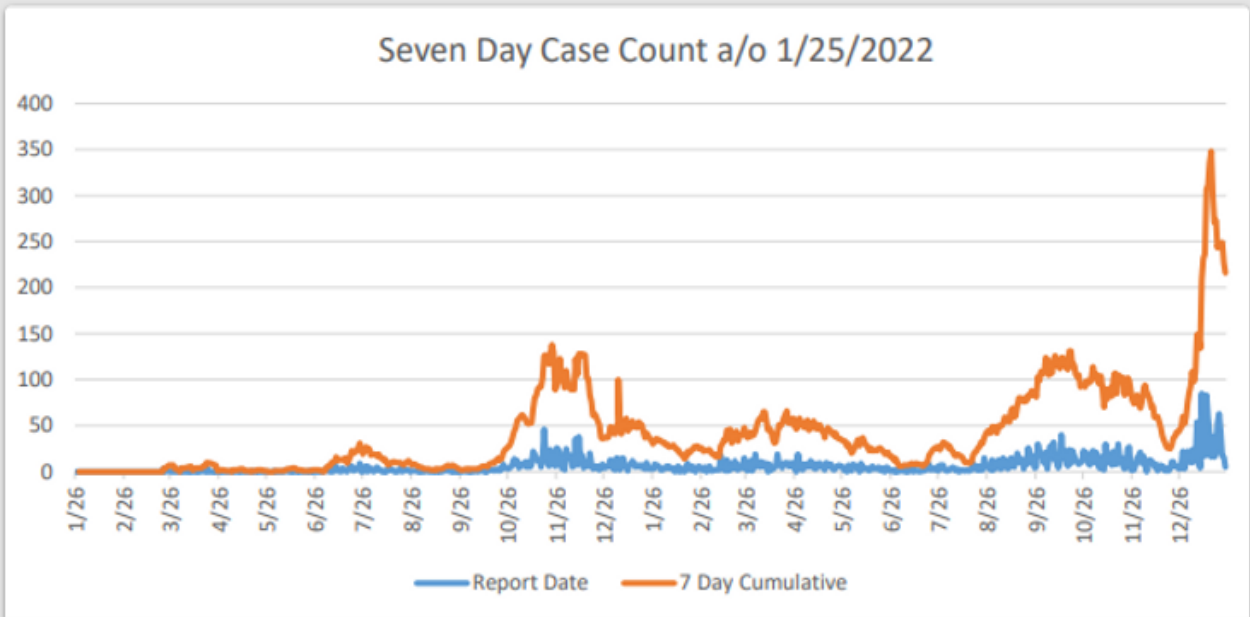


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Graphs from the El Paso and Teller County Departments of Health website continue to reflect the rapidity and magnitude of this rise as of January 26, 2022. These graphs, however, also show for the first time that a rapid decline in incidence rates has begun over the last week:

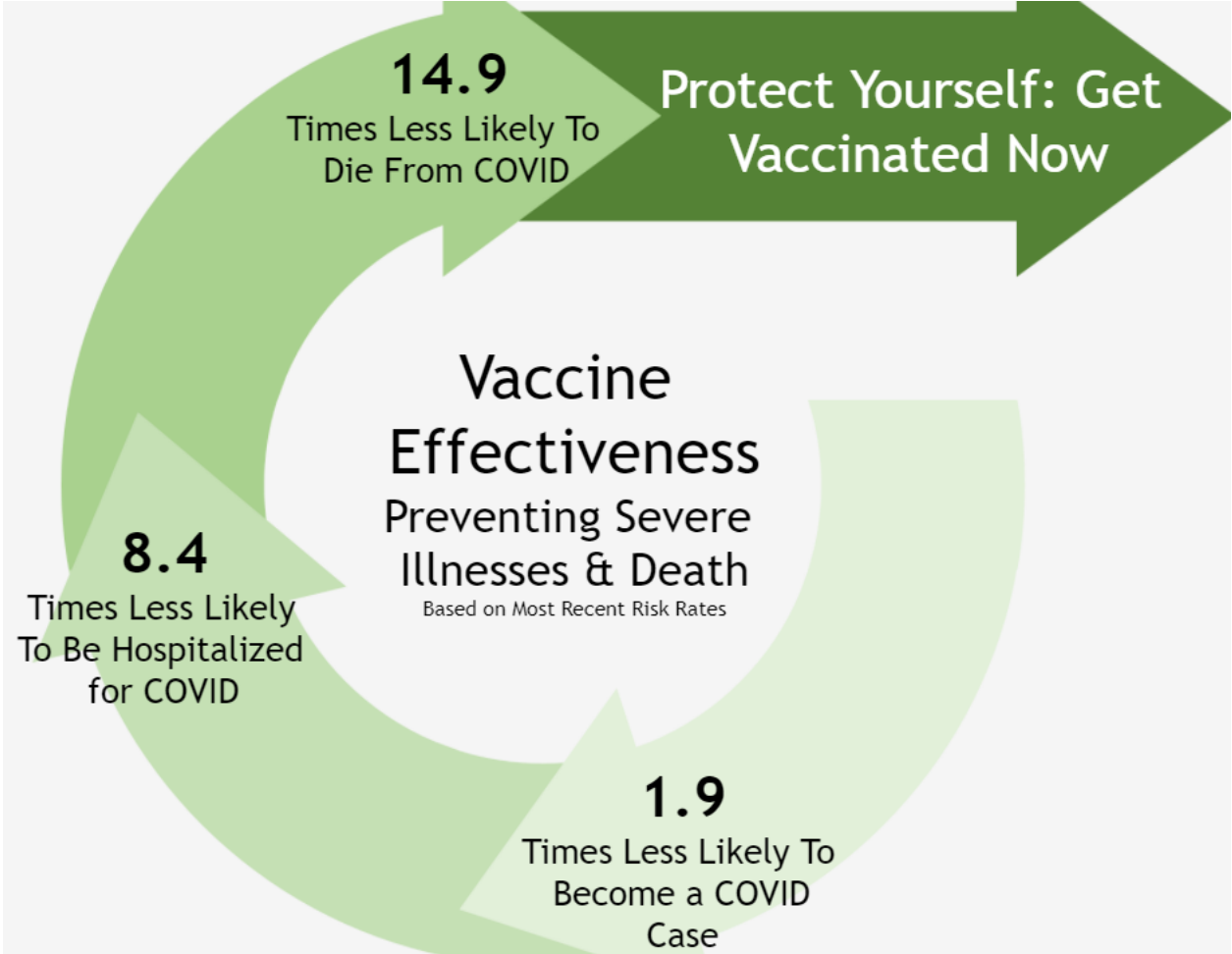


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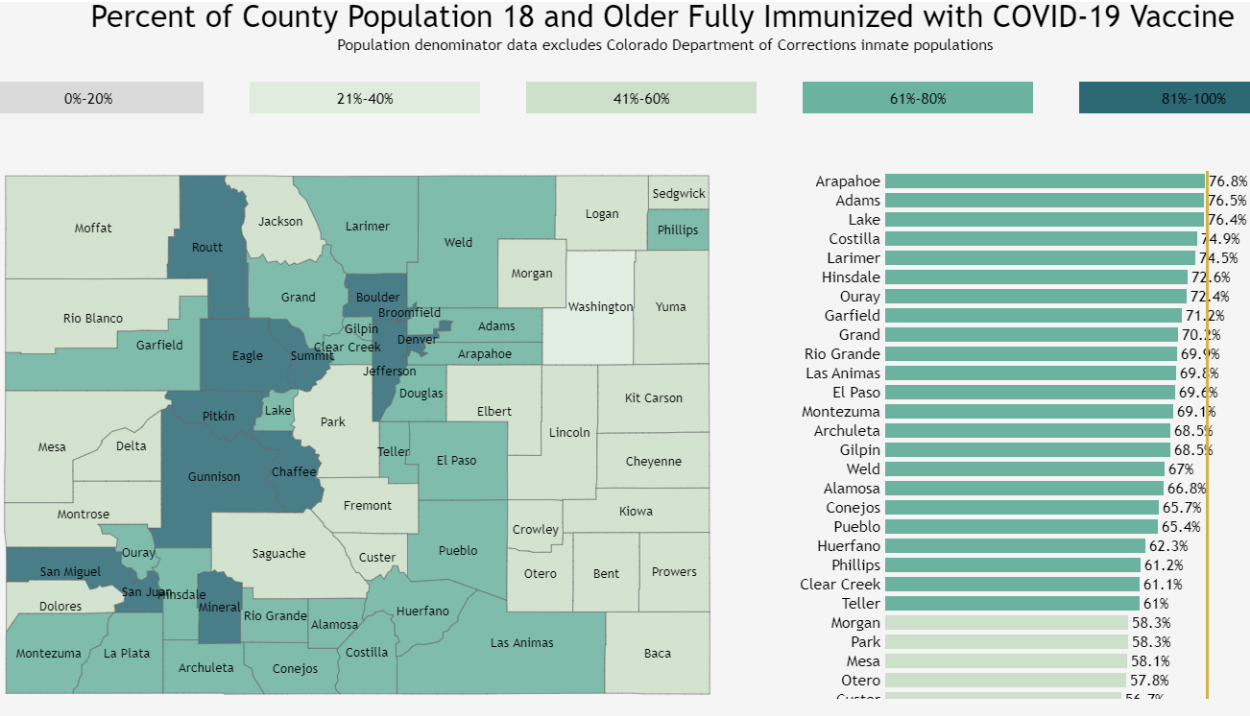
<https://www.tellercovid.com/>

In addition, those not fully vaccinated continue to experience hospitalization and death at much higher rates than those fully vaccinated:



<https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine-breakthrough>

In El Paso County, only 69.6% of the population age 18+ have been fully vaccinated and in Teller County, only 61% have:



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Pursuant to the authority provided to Chief Judges by the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court through Chief Justice Directive 95-01, *Authority and Responsibility of Chief Judges* and based on the data set forth in this order, I hereby order that all jury calls in the Fourth Judicial District shall be suspended through February 11, 2022.

DONE AND SIGNED ON THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

WILLIAM B. BAIN
 Chief Judge, Fourth Judicial District