



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

CHIEF JUDGE ORDER 2022-6

RE: JURY TRIALS SCHEDULED ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 14th, 2022

Based on the current Covid-19 positivity and incidence rates in both El Paso and Teller Counties, I find that the Fourth Judicial District courts will be able to safely assemble jurors in the 4th Judicial District beginning February 14th, 2022.

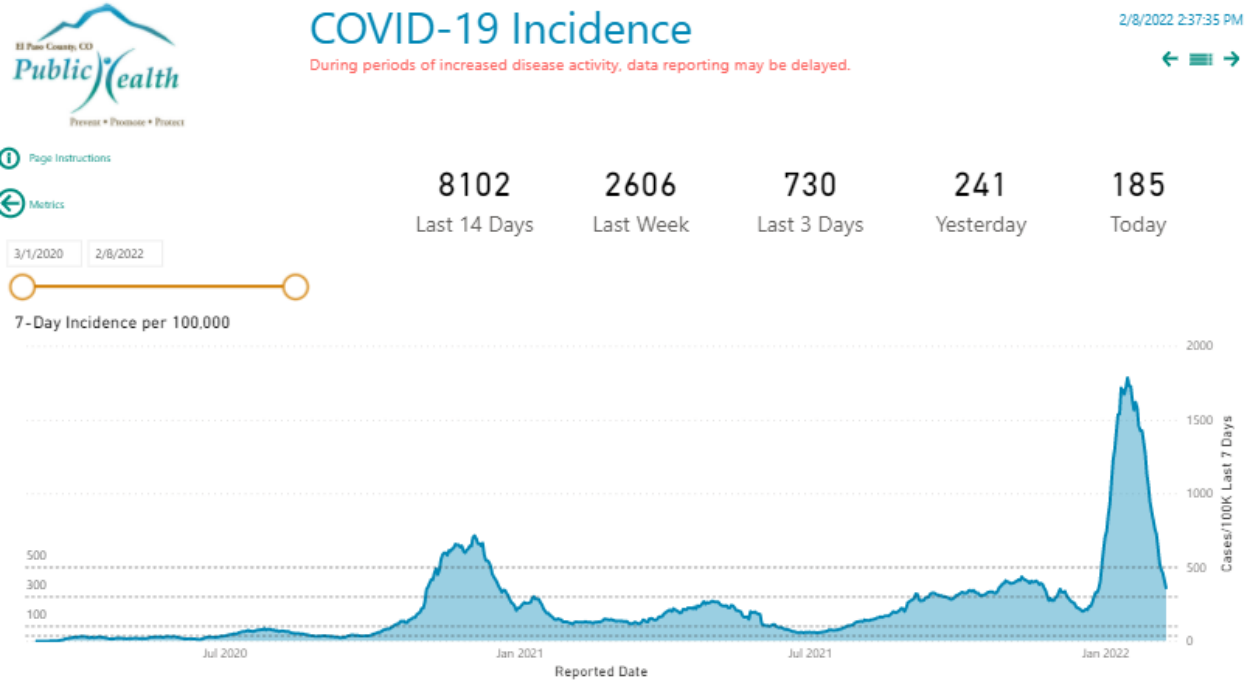
According to the Colorado Department of Health, El Paso County had a positivity rate over 30% over the last month, and Teller County had a positivity rate over 22% over that same time-period. (<https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>).

Over the last week, El Paso County has had a positivity rate of 12.57% (<https://www.elpaso-countyhealth.org/covid19data-dashboard>). Over that same time-period, Teller has had a positivity rate of 7.1%. (<https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>).

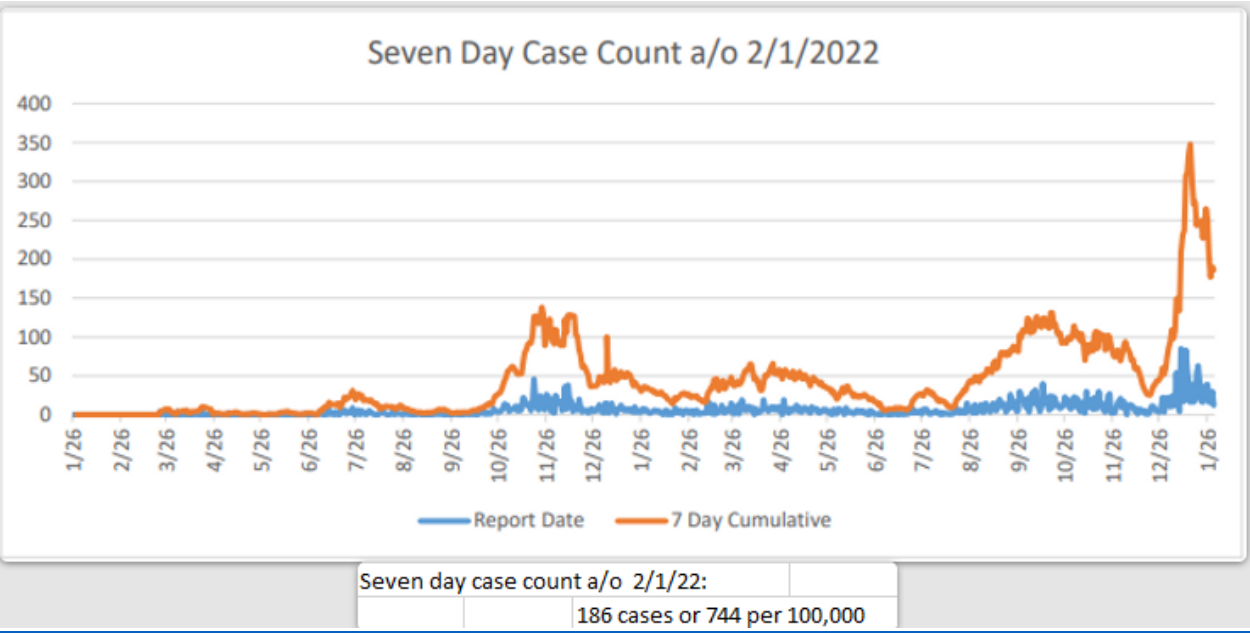
Over the last month, El Paso County had an incidence rate of over 2,700 per 100,000, and Teller County had an incidence rate of over 1,300 per 100,000. (<https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>).

Over the last week in El Paso County, the incidence rate has fallen to 360.7 per 100,000. (<https://www.elpaso-countyhealth.org/covid19data-dashboard>). In the week before February 1, 2022, the incidence rate had fallen to 744 per 100,000 in Teller County.

Graphs from the El Paso and Teller County Departments of Health¹ websites reflect this rapid deceleration in the number of Covid cases:



<https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/covid19data-dashboard>



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

¹ The graph from the Teller County Department of Health is from one week ago, February 1, 2022.

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 jury trials in the Fourth Judicial District shall resume February 14, 2022.

Having consulted with the El Paso County Department of Health, I am also keeping in place the order that all people must wear masks when they are in any area of the El Paso County Courthouse or Teller County Combined Courts that is accessible to the public or jurors.

DONE AND SIGNED ON THIS 8th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022.



WILLIAM B. BAIN

Chief Judge, Fourth Judicial District