



**SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, STATE OF COLORADO
ADAMS AND BROOMFIELD COUNTIES**

**ADDENDUM to JURY TRIAL PLAN FOR ADAMS COUNTY IN THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT originally issued September 17, 2020.**

Addendum issued April 9, 2021

This order is intended to update and supplement the previous Jury Trial Plan for the Adams County Justice Center (ACJC) issued on September 17, 2020.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the Courts have been responding to the public health risks posed by the virus and following the advisories and information circulated by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD), recommending active steps to slow the spread of the disease and precautions to reduce the risk of exposure to the staff and the public coming to the courthouse, including jurors. The current jury trial plan for the Seventeenth Judicial District, issued on September 17, 2020, was adopted in compliance with such recommendations, as noted throughout the plan.

The availability of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 virus have afforded some assistance to our overall efforts. However, as current infection rates demonstrate, we are still in the midst of a pandemic. In order to reduce the risk of exposure to staff and the public coming into the courthouse, and in compliance with the Tri-County Health Department recommendations, the Court has begun with limited jury trials as of March 26, 2021, as follows:

- A. Unless expressly modified in this addendum, all safety measures listed in the current Jury Trial Plan will remain in effect as they address the current health crisis and provide guidance for the safe assembly of jurors and return to jury trials in the Adams County Justice Center (ACJC).
- B. As outlined in the plan, jury calls will resume in progressive phases in order to ensure that at each step a fair jury pool can safely be assembled. The dates assigned below should be viewed as tentative only and may be modified as needed in response to the pandemic and based on state and local public health orders and guidelines.

- C. Pursuant to updated recommendation from Tri-County Health Department, the maximum occupancy in the Jury Assembly Room (JAR) is currently limited to 85 people provided that 6 feet social distancing is maintained between seats. This first floor training room and second floor First Appearance Center will be used for over-flow seating, when necessary. Staff will not sanitize chairs occupied by jurors after individual use or before a new panel is scheduled to report. Sanitizing wipes will be available to jurors that choose to sanitize their own chairs before and/or after use as supplies permit.
- D. The phased implementation of jury trials as described on the original jury plan is hereby modified as follows:

I. PHASE 1: March 26 – May 7

- a) One District Court trial on Monday and one on Wednesday, both at 8:00 a.m.
- b) Two County trials on Tuesday and two on Thursday, both at 8:00 a.m.
- c) District Court jury panels may be selected in the JAR or in two courtrooms connected by A/V systems. County Court jury panels will be taken directly to the courtroom.

II. PHASE 2: May 10 – Until further notice

- a) Two District Court trials on Monday and two on Wednesday, both at 8:00 a.m. **(Except on May 10th, there will only be one felony trial going as the new Grand Jury is being selected on Friday, May 7th. The first Friday selection for a Monday felony trial will be May 14th.)**
- b) District Court jury selection: Monday at 8:00 a.m.; Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (for Wednesday trial); Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.; Friday at 8:00 a.m. (for trial on following Monday)
- c) The District Court judges will give reasonable notice to all parties as to which trials may select their juries on the Tuesday or Friday prior to their trial setting.
- d) Three County Court trials on Tuesdays and Thursdays (two panels at 8:00 a.m. and one at 9:00 a.m.).
- e) District Court jury panels may be selected in the JAR or in two courtrooms connected by A/V systems. County Court jury panels will be taken directly to the courtroom.

Modifications to this addendum may be made as state and local public health guidelines change.

So ordered this 7th day of April 2021.

As revised, 4-13-21.



Don Quick
Chief Judge, 17th J.D.