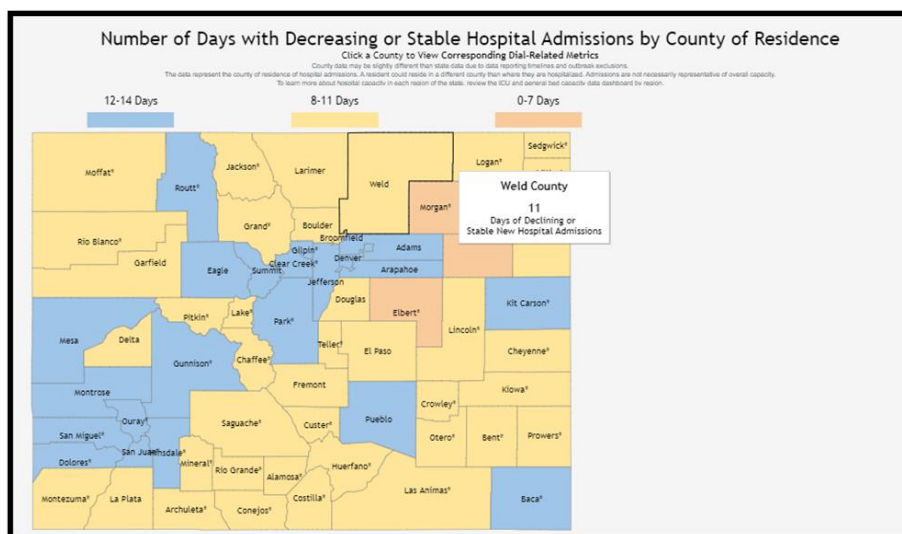
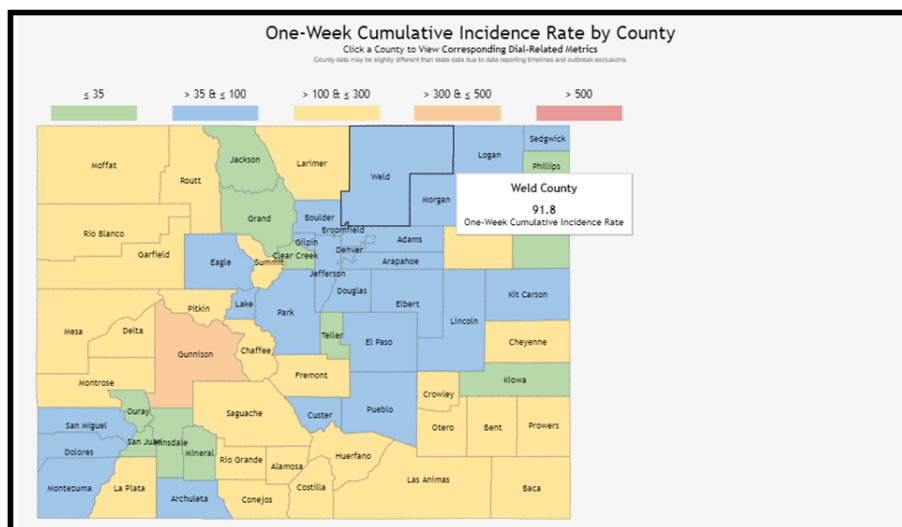
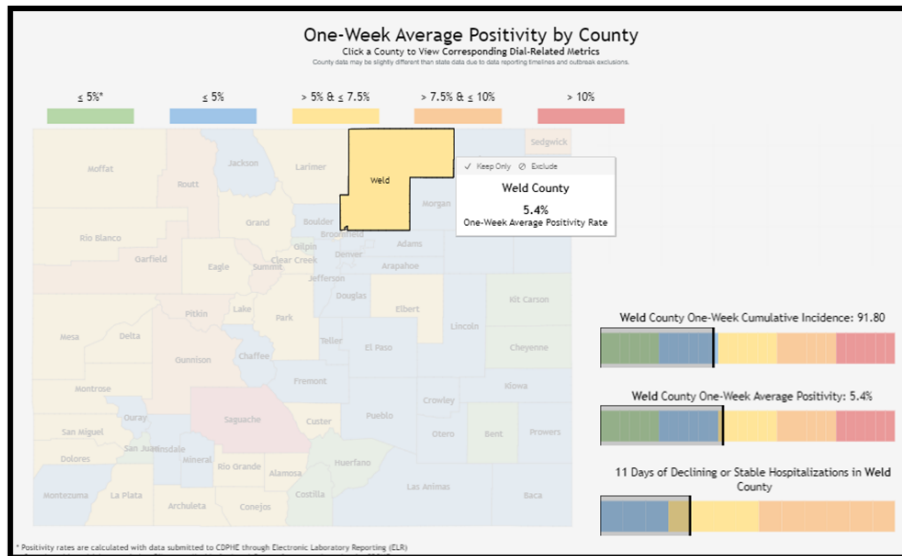


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<b>ORDER VACATING ADMININSTRATIVE ORDER 2021-07 AND LIFTING THE REQUIREMENT FOR WEARING FACIAL COVERINGS IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTHOUSE AND PROBATION BUILDINGS</b>	

On August 5, 2021, I issued Administrative Order 2021-07 requiring facial coverings to be worn in 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Probation buildings, based on guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) due to the increase in the spread of the B.1.617.2 (“Delta”) COVID variant. After the order requiring facial coverings to be worn was issued, there was another COVID variant identified, Omicron, that caused very high positivity and incidence rates throughout Colorado. Weld County was not spared from the wrath of the Delta and Omicron variants, necessitating a requirement for facial coverings to be worn in our buildings to reduce the risk of exposure to these highly contagious variants.

I monitor daily data posted on the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (“Weld Health”) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”). I have included maps showing the one-week positivity and cumulative incidence rates from the CDPHE, the hospitalization rates, and the Weld Health data form, all of which were posted on February 26, 2022. I have also included two graphs that I created using data from the CDPHE website, showing the one-week positivity rate and one-week cumulative incidence (per 100,000 people) level on those dates for Weld County.



## Weld County Department of Health and Environment, COVID-19 Data

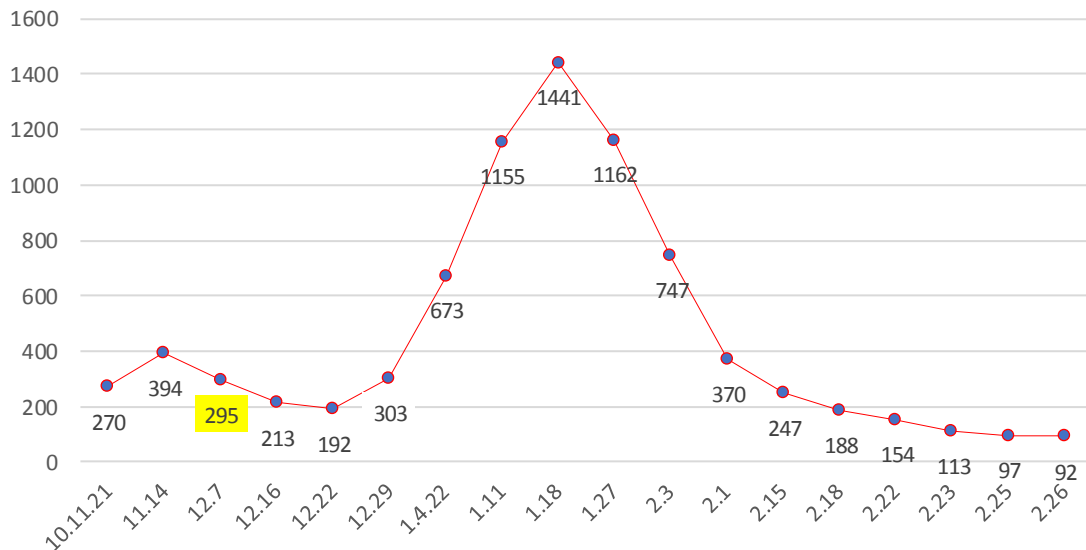


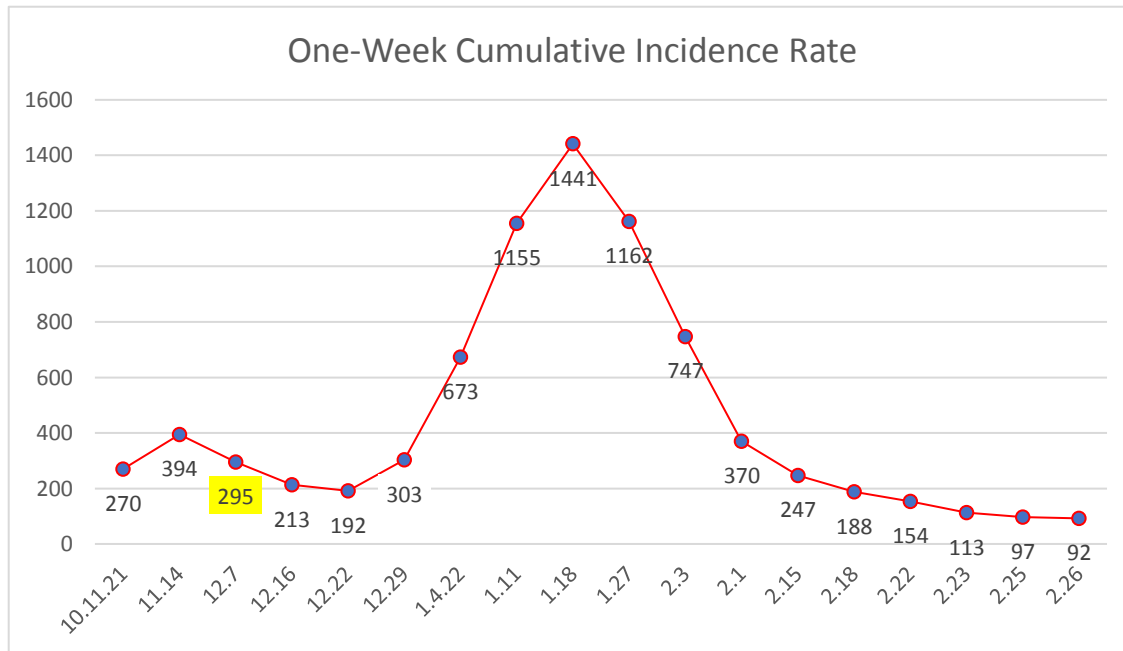
Number of New COVID-19 Cases Reported Today**	Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported Since Pandemic Began	One-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents**	Two-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate per 100,000 Residents**
<b>112</b>	<b>80,498</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>272.4</b>
One-Week Average Positive Test Rate	Total RT-PCR COVID-19 Tests in Weld County	Total Number of Deaths Due to COVID-19 (Underlying Cause of Death Only)	Number of Deaths Due to COVID-19 Last Month (Underlying Cause of Death Only)
<b>5.27%</b>	<b>762,942</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>35</b>
Current Number of COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Weld County Regional Hospitals**	7-Day Rolling Average Percent Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Patients Today**	14-Day Rolling Average of COVID-19 Hospitalization Rate per 100,000 Residents*	
<b>70</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>1.5</b>	

\*\*Case data updated 02/25/2022  
 \*\*Hospital data updated 02/25/2022  
 \*\*Death data updated 02/22/2022  
 \*\*Testing data updated 02/25/2022  
 \*\*Breakthrough data updated 02/25/2022

Some data may be suppressed due to small counts. Suppressed data are represented with a single asterisk (\*).

### One-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate

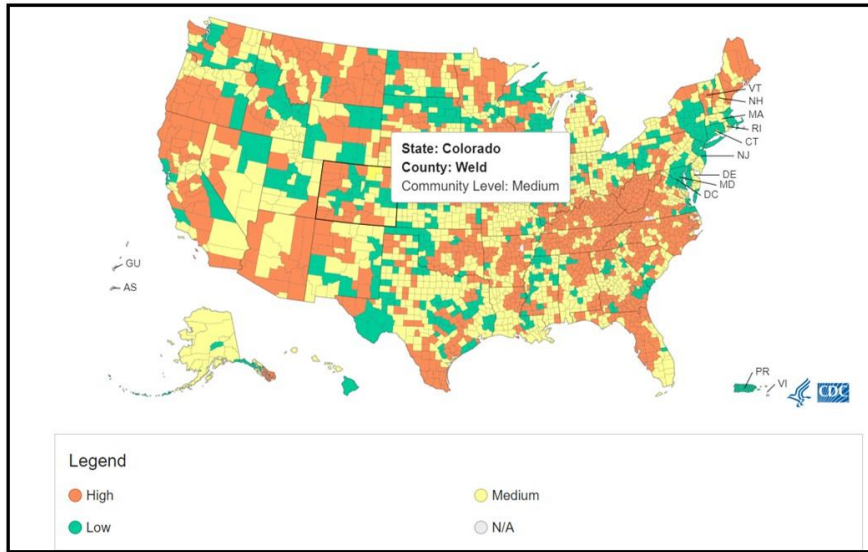




On the afternoon of February 25, 2022, the CDC provided revised guidance on preventative measures, including wearing facial coverings in indoor spaces, based on scientific data and COVID-19 positivity rates:

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?		
Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li> <li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear a <a href="#">mask</a> indoors in public</li> <li>Stay <a href="#">up to date</a> with COVID-19 vaccines</li> <li><a href="#">Get tested</a> if you have symptoms</li> <li>Additional precautions may be needed for people <a href="#">at high risk for severe illness</a></li> </ul>
People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.		

The map on the next page reflects the levels for each county in the United States posted by the CDC as of February 24, 2022, which reflects Weld County was at the medium level on that date. Weld County's incidence rates have declined further since February 24, 2022, according to the data from the CDPHE website.



Based on the significant decline in positivity and cumulative incidence rates, decreased hospitalizations, the updated guidance from the CDC, and conferral with members of our bench and chief judges along the front range, I find that lifting the facial covering requirement in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Probation buildings is appropriate. Persons may continue to wear facial coverings in 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and Probation buildings if they choose. All those entering court and probation buildings, including employees, must continue to follow the CDC guidelines regarding quarantining, isolating, and wearing of masks if they were exposed to COVID or tested positive for COVID. Those guidelines can be found here:

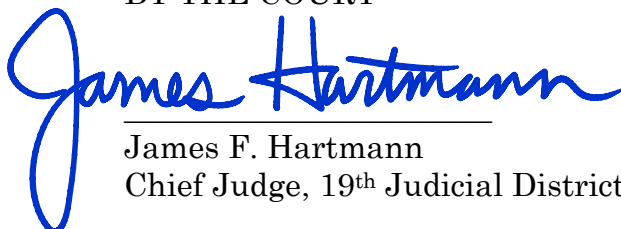
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>

In addition, employees experiencing COVID symptoms should not report to work and must contact their supervisors immediately for guidance and instructions.

I reserve the right to re-institute a facial covering requirement, based on available data.

Dated: February 26, 2022

BY THE COURT:

  
James F. Hartmann  
Chief Judge, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District