

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

In the matter of

HYBRID GRAND JURY  
PROCEEDINGS COMMENCING  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL  
ORDER 21-17**

Due to health and safety concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and the requirement of Grand Jurors to travel and sit in close proximity to one another, the Court finds that the safest method of conducting Grand Jury proceedings is to permit Grand Jurors to appear in the courthouse location nearest their residence. The Grand Jury proceedings will be held in-person in the Anchorage courthouse, with Grand Jurors in the Fairbanks and Juneau courthouses attending remotely through video conference.

Therefore, in consideration of the factors outlined in Miscellaneous General Orders 21-15 and 21-16 and to continue protecting the public safety and preventing the spread of COVID-19, the Court finds that it is impractical to hold upcoming Grand Jury proceedings in one location. Accordingly, all Grand Jury proceedings scheduled to commence after September 1, 2021, will be held in hybrid format, with both in-person and remote sessions. Grand Jurors residing near Anchorage will appear in person at the Anchorage courthouse. Grand Jurors residing closer to either Fairbanks or Juneau shall attend remotely from either the Fairbanks or Juneau courthouse nearest their residence. The Court requires all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask inside the federal courthouses.

The Court will continue to actively monitor the situation and will recommence Grand Jury sessions with all Grand Jurors appearing in Anchorage as soon as it is safe and practicable to do so.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2021

/s/ Timothy M. Burgess  
Hon. Timothy M. Burgess  
Chief United States District Judge

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason  
Hon. Sharon L. Gleason  
United States District Judge

/s/ Joshua M. Kindred  
Hon. Joshua M. Kindred  
United States District Judge

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