

SAN LUIS OBISPO SUPERIOR COURT COVID-19 UPDATE

If you have been summoned to appear for jury duty and have health concerns related to COVID-19, you will be permitted to defer your service to a future date.

If you are sick with a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, nasal congestion, or any other respiratory symptoms, DO NOT report for jury service. Fill out the request to be postponed under Juror Status to defer your jury service.

In preparation for summoning jurors, the Court is implementing several measures to ensure the safety of all participants, including jurors, court staff, litigants, and judicial officers:

1. Online questionnaires will allow jurors to request to be excused for hardship prior to reporting in person to the courthouse.
2. Substantially smaller panels of jurors will be summoned on any given day to allow for appropriate physical distancing and other safeguards.
3. Jurors will be summoned at different times and on different days of the week to reduce the number of jurors appearing at any one time.
4. Physical distancing will be maintained throughout the entire jury trial process, from jury assembly and jury selection, through trial and jury deliberations.
5. Face coverings will be required for all participants, unless a medical exception is granted, and the Court will provide masks as needed.
6. Larger courtrooms and alternative venues will be used for jury selection and jury deliberations.
7. Fewer trials will be in session at the same time to reduce the number of people in the courthouse.
8. During trials, jurors will be seated and spaced apart in the entire courtroom to ensure physical distancing.
9. Jury deliberations will occur in the courtroom or an alternate venue rather than in jury rooms, to ensure physical distancing.

SUGGESTIONS FOR JURORS REPORTING TO DUTY:

- Please bring and wear a face mask or covering.
- You are welcome to bring a small container of hand sanitizer with you as an additional precautionary measure.
- Bring your jury summons with you when you report, to verify you are a summoned juror.
- Bring a book, cell phone, laptop or other portable electronic device to occupy you while you are waiting for instructions.