

JURY SERVICE

FAQ:

Q: Am I required to report for jury duty if I receive a summons during the COVID-19 pandemic?

A: 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. Fill out the request to be postponed under "Juror Status" on the [Jury Service webpage](#) to defer your jury service.

*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" on the [Jury Service webpage](#) to defer your jury service instead.

Q: What precautionary measures is the court taking if I must serve on jury duty?

A:

- Online questionnaires will allow jurors to request to be excused for hardship prior to reporting in person to the courthouse.
- Substantially smaller panels of jurors will be summoned on any given day to allow for appropriate physical distancing and other safeguards.
- 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.
- Physical distancing will be maintained throughout the entire jury trial process, from jury assembly and jury selection, through trial and jury deliberations.
- Face coverings are required for all participants, and the Court will provide masks as needed.
- Larger courtrooms and alternative venues will be used for jury selection and jury deliberations.
- Fewer trials will be in session at the same time to reduce the number of people in the courthouse.
- During trials, jurors will be seated and spaced apart in the entire courtroom to ensure physical distancing.
- Jury deliberations will occur in the courtroom or an alternate venue rather than in jury rooms, to ensure physical distancing.

Q: What should I bring if I report for jury duty?

A:

- 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.