

# COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Dear Potential Juror

You have been summoned for jury duty. Jury duty is important because it safeguards one of the most crucial rights of the American legal system. As trials continue to take place, the court must continue to rely on civic-minded jurors like you for help in ensuring fairness and providing impartial viewpoints.

The court takes public health and safety seriously and has implemented aggressive policies to minimize the risk of infection from coronavirus for jurors and other court users. We would like to assure you that the court has done everything it can to safeguard your health during your time in the courthouse. We have taken the following precautions.

1. All people entering the courthouse are required to wear a mask/face covering. We encourage all jurors to wear their own masks/face coverings. Masks will be made available for jurors who do not have their own.
2. Jurors will be in areas that will have enough space to distance themselves from other people in the room by at least 6 feet per the CDC guidelines.
3. Jurors will not be asked to touch any surfaces, documents, or objects that have previously been touched by another person without being sanitized.
4. Only a very limited number of jurors are summoned to appear at any time, so the overall number of people inside the courthouse and courtroom will be restricted.
5. The courtroom and the courthouse will be sanitized several times a day.
6. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed throughout the courthouse.
7. Jurors will be able to sanitize or wash their hands as often as they feel necessary.
8. Jurors will be encouraged to share any concerns with the bailiff.

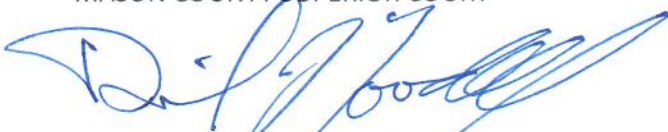
We have collaborated with the local health department, and the steps the court has taken have been approved by the local health department.

Please remember that it is possible to delay your jury duty. Please review your summons for more information on how to request a delay.

Although you are able to delay or be excused from jury duty, you cannot simply ignore a summons to jury duty – you must respond to a jury summons.

We're all in this together,

MASON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT



DANIEL L. GOODELL, Presiding Judge

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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