



JURY SERVICE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



ARE THE COURTS OPEN EVEN WITH THE MODIFIED STAY AT HOME ORDER?

Court operations are considered an essential service. The court is conducting limited services to reduce the amount of people in the courthouse. A limited number of trials are being held and we need jurors for those trials.



HOW ARE YOU HANDLING LARGE GROUPS OF PEOPLE?

At the direction of the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court and in consultation with public health officials, we are following CDC guidelines and limiting capacity based on the size of our various spaces. We have taken precautions such as increased cleaning, social distancing, and restricting areas for social spacing to help us keep everyone safe.



DO I STILL HAVE TO COME IN IF I AM OVER 50 OR 60?

If you are over the age of 65 or in a vulnerable group as defined by the CDC, please call the Jury Office at 602-506-5879 to discuss your jury service. If serving on a jury would be a hardship for you for other reasons, please be sure to completely fill out your online juror questionnaire as soon as possible so that a judge may evaluate your request. This can be done up to ten days before your scheduled service date and may eliminate the need for you to appear in person. It will also help us increase our efforts to promote social distancing.



IF I'M NOT NEEDED TO APPEAR ON THIS SUMMONS WILL I BE SUMMONSED AGAIN?

If your group is not needed to appear, or you complete your online juror questionnaire and are excused, your service is considered complete and you will not be summonsed again for at least 18 months. This can be done up to ten days before your scheduled service date and may eliminate the need for you to appear in person. It will also help us increase our efforts to promote social distancing.



WHY ARE YOU STILL HAVING JURORS COME IN WITH THE VIRUS GOING AROUND?

The Court has an obligation to uphold the constitutional rights of the citizens of this state – this includes the right to a jury trial. We are taking the necessary steps to keep reporting jurors safe while still providing necessary services to the community.



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I AM FURLOUGHED – CAN I STILL SERVE? WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET CALLED BACK TO WORK?

You can definitely still serve as a juror if you are on furlough from your place of employment. You should still notify your employer of your service in case there are any rules you must comply with and so that your employer is aware of your service in the event you are called back to work. If you happen to be selected for a longer trial, you may qualify for [Arizona Lengthy Trial funding](#).



CAN I PARTICIPATE IN JURY SERVICE BUT NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSE?

We are exploring technology options to reduce the number of jurors who have to come to court. It is important for you to completely fill out your online questionnaire so that we may know of any issues you have with serving or if you may be eligible to serve as a juror-from-home. The questionnaire can be filled out up to ten days before your scheduled service date and may eliminate the need for you to appear in person.



I HAVE BEEN SUMMONSED FOR JURY SERVICE BUT I AM UNDER QUARANTINE OR CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH COVID-19. WILL I BE REQUIRED TO COME?

Individuals under quarantine due to exposure, exhibiting [symptoms of COVID-19](#), testing positive for COVID-19, or living with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 can postpone their date of service. Please call the Jury Office at 602-506-5879 and speak to a clerk to select your new date. Please do not come to the courthouse under these circumstances.



MY CHILD'S SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE HAS CLOSED DUE TO THE HEALTH CRISIS. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

If you are currently caring for a child during a school closure, please call the Jury Office at 602-506-5879 to discuss postponing your service.



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WHAT IF I AM A MEDICAL WORKER ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE CURRENT HEALTH CRISIS?

If you are employed in any of the following categories, please call the Jury Office at 602-506-5879 to discuss your jury service:

- Doctors
- Nurses
- EMTs/Paramedics
- Hospital Employees (janitors, cafeteria workers)



DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK? SHOULD I BRING MY OWN?

Effective June 1, 2020, everyone who enters the courthouse will be required to wear a face mask by order of the Chief Justice. You may bring your own mask to wear, or, if you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.



WHAT KIND OF HEALTH SCREENING ARE YOU DOING FOR JURORS?

All staff, visitors, and jurors are being screened to check for fever in accordance with CDC guidelines and will be directed away from the courthouse if they have experienced any of the following within the last 72 hours:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- muscle pain
- sore throat
- loss of taste or smell