

Juror Frequently Asked Questions During COVID-19 Pandemic

Clark County has acquired the Clark County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall as alternative reporting location for jury selection.

Are jury trials still needed?

Yes, they are. Jury trials are a keystone of the justice system. They are critical to fair hearings and a key constitutional guarantee (Sixth Amendment, U.S. Constitution) for all.

Will jury service be in person or via virtual means?

Jury service will be in person. There are many reasons for this, including constitutional rights of the accused, access to attorney presentations, access to evidence/exhibits and to facilitate juror discussion during deliberations.

What if I am in the high-risk category or I am an essential worker?

You can request a postponement of service. Follow the instructions on your summons.

Will the courthouse and fairgrounds be clean and safe?

Yes, the courthouse, courtrooms and fairgrounds will be cleaned thoroughly daily. Protecting the health and safety of the public and courthouse staff is essential.

Will the courtroom and fairgrounds adhere to the CDC precautionary measures of social distancing?

Yes, the court will adhere to the CDC precautionary measures. Jury positions will be marked in the courtrooms as well as the jury break spaces.

Will I have to bring a mask and gloves?

Jurors/prospective jurors will be required to wear face coverings. If you desire to bring and wear your own personal protective equipment, you may do so. The court will also have masks available.

Will the courthouse and fairgrounds have hand sanitizer dispensers and hand washing areas available?

Yes, hand sanitizers and hand washing areas are available in the courthouse and the fairgrounds.

What if I feel unsafe or sick after reporting to jury service?

Contact a member of Jury Administration immediately at (564) 397-2049 or juries@clark.wa.gov

What if I feel sick the day I am to report for jury service, do I stay home?

If you feel sick, stay home and contact Jury Administration for instructions.

Will coffee and reading materials be available?

At this time, for CDC precautionary reasons, the court will not be offering coffee or reading materials. Please feel free to bring your own coffee and reading materials, and dispose of them when finished. You may also wish to bring your own bottled water.