

## COVID-19 Virus Response for Jurors

Clark County Courts are committed to keeping jurors, attorneys, staff and all other court users safe and in line with CDC and Public Health guidelines has developed the following protocols designed to protect the health and safety of jurors. These protocols include:

- providing masks for all jurors;
- reconfiguring jury assembly rooms, courtrooms and lobbies to allow for social distancing;
- contracting with an alternative reporting location configured to allow for greater social distancing and minimize the number of jurors reporting to the one location;
- calling at staggered time intervals to reduce the number of jurors reporting at the same time;
- ensuring sanitizing stations are readily available; and
- implementing heightened cleaning protocols that include sanitation of jury reporting locations between groups, and common and high-traffic areas of the Courthouse.

## Extended Postponements for High-Risk Populations

During the COVID-19 state of emergency, Jury Management staff has the authority to postpone jurors report date based on the CDC guideline for high risk populations:

1. Persons 65 years and older.
2. Persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
3. Persons of all ages with underlining medical conditions (particularly not well controlled).
  - a. Persons with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.
  - b. Persons who have serious heart conditions.
  - c. Persons who are immunocompromised.
    - i. Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
  - d. Persons with severe obesity.
  - e. Persons with diabetes.
  - f. Persons with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis.
  - g. Persons with liver disease.

If you fall into one of these categories and desire to be rescheduled to a later report date, you can make a request online at <https://jury.clark.wa.gov/>. If you prefer, you may make a written request by completing the paper questionnaire and returning it within five days.

## **Jurors should NOT report if they are feeling ill, experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or have been recently exposed to COVID-19.**

Jurors experiencing illness or under quarantine are required to contact Jury Administration at 564-397-2049 or [juries@clark.wa.gov](mailto:juries@clark.wa.gov) to reschedule their jury service. If a juror reports for duty and is ill, Jury Management staff will collect the badge number, send the juror home, and reschedule the juror for a later date.