

## **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:

- requiring face masks for all who enter a court facility;
- providing face 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 excuse Healthcare/Public Health essential personnel as designated by the Washington State Governor's March 23, 2020 Proclamation 20-25 and postpone jurors who are at higher risk from COVID-19 based on their age or existing health conditions.

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, have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or have been instructed to quarantine.**

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.