



NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS

JURY SERVICE AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

You are receiving a juror summons in anticipation of the *possibility* that jury trials may resume in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia as early as **August 3, 2020**.

Jury trials have been suspended in this Court since March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Court is closely monitoring federal and local public health and safety guidance regarding the phased reopening of activities and businesses. Jury trials will only resume when the Court is able to ensure that the process of jury selection and the trials themselves can be conducted in full compliance with applicable public health and safety guidelines.

We are actively taking steps to plan for the resumption of jury trials in a way that protects the health and safety of prospective jurors, like yourself, as well as Courthouse staff, attorneys, their clients, and other members of our community. These steps include:

- ensuring appropriate physical and social spacing at points of assembly and in the courtrooms;
- requiring the use of facial coverings in the Courthouse, with personal protective equipment (facial coverings/masks and gloves) provided to prospective jurors and visitors for their use;
- providing hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the Courthouse and disinfecting wipes to visitors, jurors and Courthouse staff;
- limiting the number of people in the Courthouse to essential individuals and jurors;
- arranging for enhanced cleaning of high-touch areas throughout the Courthouse, including elevator buttons, door handles, hand rails, and restrooms;
- providing food in the Courthouse so jurors do not have to leave the Courthouse to eat;
- limiting occupancy in elevators with designated standing to ensure social distancing; and
- utilizing screening options prior to prospective jurors coming to the Courthouse.

Information about the Court's response to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found on our website at: www.dcd.uscourts.gov, and information particularly for jurors and prospective jurors, including steps being taken to protect juror health and safety while in the Courthouse, may be found at: <https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-jury-information>.

The Court understands and appreciates the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on many aspects of daily lives that may affect prospective jurors' ability and availability to serve. Updated information about whether jury trials will resume on August 3, 2020 or be postponed until a later date will be available at the end of July 2020 on the Court's website at the links above and by calling (202) 354-3518. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact our Jury Office by telephone, at (202) 354-3360, or by submitting a contact form online available at www.dcd.uscourts.gov/contact and selecting "Jury Service" as the category.

Please stay well.