



Thank you for your willingness to serve as a juror and helping the Alaska Court System continue to provide this vital function of our democracy during these extraordinary times.

## Measures for Holding In-Person Jury Trials

If you are sick or have respiratory symptoms, a fever or a cough, **DO NOT** report for jury service. Please call your [local jury office](#) immediately.

The Alaska Court System is implementing an [array of measures](#) to ensure the safety of everyone involved – jurors, court staff, the general public, defendants, attorneys and judicial officers. The following measures will be taken for jury trials:

1. Smaller groups of jurors will be asked to appear at court.
2. Fewer trials will be in session at any one time to reduce the number of people in the courthouse.
3. Jury deliberations may occur in the courtroom rather than in the smaller jury deliberation rooms.
4. Alternative and larger venues to accommodate jury assembly and selection may be used.
5. Members of the public interested in watching a trial may be offered alternative methods of observing if there is not enough space in the courtroom to accommodate the public.
6. Visitors to the courthouse may be required to undergo a screening protocol, which may include questions about whether the visitor has:
  - a) recently suffered flu-like or cold symptoms;
  - b) had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days; and
  - c) has a current COVID-19 diagnosis or is pending a test result for COVID-19.

Masking and social distancing requirements will depend on the [CDC COVID 19 Community Level designation](#) for the community where the courthouse is located.

If the COVID-19 Community Level is:

- “high,” all visitors must wear masks. For jury trials, if a juror is not comfortable sitting in the jury box even while masked, the judge may permit the juror to sit in another location if the courtroom size can accommodate that arrangement;
- “medium” or “low,” visitors do not have to mask, but masking may be done voluntarily.

### Suggestions for summoned jurors:



Hand sanitizer will be provided, but you may bring your own small container of hand sanitizer with you to the courthouse.



Shared water dispensers or fountains may not be available, bring your own bottle of water.



Bring a book, cell phone, laptop, or other diversion to occupy yourself during jury assembly and selection, there will be no reading or other materials provided.