



TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI
CIVIL COURTS BUILDING
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Your Upcoming Jury Service

Today, we together, face a truly unprecedented global Coronavirus pandemic that affects all of our families, the business community and our way of life. During these difficult times the Court's communication with the residents of our City who are summoned for jury duty becomes even more important.

You have recently received a Jury Summons directing you to appear for jury service at the Civil Courts Building, 10 North Tucker Blvd in downtown St. Louis.

The Court anticipates that June 22, 2020, will be the first week of jury trials since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic.

So you won't be surprised when you arrive, here is what you can expect upon your arrival at the Civil Courts Building:

- a) Once you enter the courthouse each prospective juror will have their temperature taken by a hand-held thermometer, to ensure that no one with fever or an elevated temperature is admitted;
- b) Everyone will be required to wear a mask while in the Court Building. Masks will be available for you or you may bring and wear your own;
- c) After you pass through the initial security screening, you will then proceed to the Jury Assembly Room, where you will be checked in and seated, honoring 6 foot of social distancing as recommended by the Center of Disease Control;

- d) Latex gloves will be available for those who wish to wear them, but gloves are not required. If you would like gloves, please request them from the Jury Supervisor or Court's bailiff when you are seated;
- d) Hand sanitizer will be available to you at multiple locations throughout the courthouse; 0 The jury box, jury room, and jury bathrooms will be deep cleaned each evening when the Court recesses, and this will continue throughout the trial;
- g) Individual lunches will be provided to the sworn trial jurors during each day of the trial to minimize the jurors' interactions at local restaurants;

Please note that if you:

- e) have been diagnosed by a licensed physician as having Coronavirus anytime within the past 30 days; or
- f) are actively involved in caring for a family member or loved one who has tested positive for the Coronavirus; or
- g) are now in self-quarantine status and that status will continue pass your jury service date; or
- h) have a pre-existing hardship or jury service will create an extreme hardship;

then, you should **immediately** advise the Jury Supervisor's Office at 314-622-4457. Documentation from your physician may be requested.

Please be assured you that the Court is mindful of these challenging times and will take every reasonable precaution to maintain your health and safety, as well as the health and safety of the parties, lawyers, and the Court staff during jury check-in, jury selection and trial.

Enshrined within the Seventh Amendment of our United States Constitution since 1791, the right to trial by jury is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. Jury trials necessarily involve sacrifice from those citizens called upon to serve. This has always been true, but it is especially true during these unique and trying times.

I hope this personal letter is helpful and informative. We look forward to seeing you at the Civil Court House for your jury service.

Kindest Regards,



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