

Conducting Jury Trials during the COVID-19 Health Crisis

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **Are jury trials still needed?** Yes, they are. Jury trials are a cornerstone of the justice system. They are critical to fair hearings and a key constitutional guarantee for all.
- 2) **Will the jury trial be in person or by virtual means?** Jury trials will be held in person. There are many reasons for this to include constitutional rights of the accused, access to attorney presentations, access to evidence and exhibits, and to facilitate juror discussion during deliberations.
- 3) **What if I am in the high-risk category or I am an essential worker? Can I be excused or rescheduled for jury duty?** Yes, you can. Please email the jury coordinator at jury@lynnwoodwa.gov to request a deferral of your jury service.
- 4) **Will the courthouse and courtroom be clean and safe?** Yes, the courthouse and courtroom are thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis. Protecting the health and safety of the public and staff is essential.
- 5) **Will the courtroom adhere to the CDC precautionary measures of social distancing?** Yes, the court will adhere to the CDC precautionary measures. Jury seating will be marked in the courtroom for trial and deliberations.
- 6) **Will I have to bring my own mask and gloves?** If you desire to bring your own mask and personal protective equipment you may do so. The court will also have masks and gloves available if you would like to use ours.
- 7) **Will the courthouse have hand sanitizer dispensers available?** Yes
- 8) **What if I feel unsafe or sick before or after reporting to jury duty?** Contact the jury coordinator immediately by phone at (425) 670-5100 or by email at jury@lynnwoodwa.gov. If you feel sick while at the courthouse, please let a court staff member know.
- 9) **Will coffee, snacks, and reading material be provided?** During this, we will be following CDC precautions and not providing coffee, snack or reading material. Please feel free to bring your own and dispose of them once done.