

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) **Will the courthouse and courtroom be clean and safe?** Yes, the courthouse and courtroom are thoroughly cleaned daily. Protecting the health and safety of the public and staff is essential.
- 4) **Will I have to bring my own face mask?** Masks are not required. We encourage non vaccinated people to wear a face mask. We have masks available at the court for anyone who wishes to wear one.
- 5) **Will the courthouse have hand sanitizer dispensers available?** Yes
- 6) **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.
- 7) **Will coffee, snacks, and reading material be provided?** Coffee and tea will be available. You will be excused for the lunch hour. You may also bring your own snack for breaks. You are encouraged to bring your own reading material as there are often long period of waiting.