

Superior Court of the State of Washington for Snohomish County

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Dear Prospective Juror,

Jurors perform a critical role in the American justice system and safeguard one of the most important rights guaranteed by both our Federal and State Constitutions: the right to a jury trial. Civic-minded jurors like you are essential to ensuring fairness to all parties and to providing impartial views in all cases. As you prepare for jury service, the Court wants you to know that it takes public health and your safety seriously. Working in consultation with the Snohomish Health District, the Court has significantly modified its operations to help reduce the risk of infection from COVID-19. These measures include:

1. Masks. Generally, everyone in a courtroom will be required to wear a mask. Masks will be provided for each prospective juror. You are free to bring your own if you choose.
2. Clean hands. Frequent hand washing will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.
3. Gloves. Gloves will be made available to jurors who choose to use them.
4. Health screenings. A health screening protocol will be followed and may include taking the temperatures of prospective jurors via a scanning device. Individuals who have flu-like symptoms or who have had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the prior 14 days will not be permitted in a courtroom.
5. Social distancing. Every room used throughout the jury selection process, jury breaks, and for jury deliberations will allow for six feet of social distancing. Trials will be held in courtrooms where jurors will be able to maintain six feet of social distancing and/or be separated by clear barriers that have been identified as a suitable alternative to social distancing by the Snohomish Health District. The number of people inside courtrooms will be limited to ensure social distancing.
6. Daily cleaning. The courtrooms and courthouse will be cleaned daily using enhanced cleaning methods. High touch surface areas will be cleaned multiple times each day.
7. Reporting concerns. Jurors will be encouraged to share any concerns with the bailiff.

These changes will likely increase the length of trials and therefore your jury service. The Court encourages you to plan for up to eight days of jury service, perhaps longer. Additionally, since many local restaurants are closed or are operating on limited hours, you may want to consider bringing your own lunch.

If you are in a high risk category for COVID-19, or are uncomfortable serving as a juror at this time due to COVID-19, you may ask to have your jury service deferred by contacting the Jury Management Office via email at jury@snoco.org or by phone at 425-388-3386.

Our jury trial system is dependent on you and cannot proceed without your appearance. Please follow the **Reporting Instructions** in your Jury Summons.

On behalf of all 15 of the Snohomish County Superior Court Judges, I thank each of you for your dedication, understanding, and service during these extraordinary times.

Sincerely,



Bruce I. Weiss
Presiding Judge