

FAQ

If I am in a high-risk category or I am an essential worker can I be excused or rescheduled for jury duty? Yes. Follow the instructions on your summons to apply for these options.

Will the courthouse be clean and safe? Yes. The courthouse, courtrooms, and jury deliberation rooms are thoroughly and regularly cleaned. Cleanliness is important to everyone, including those of us who work here. Making sure that we remain healthy and safe is not just a good policy, it is essential to all of us.

Will the courtroom and jury rooms adhere to the CDC precautionary measures of social distancing? Yes. The court will adhere to, and enforce, social distancing measures. Every courthouse and courtroom has been measured by both court staff and county facilities to ensure proper social distancing. Courtrooms and courthouses have marked spaces and appropriate signage.

Is a mask or face covering required? Yes.

Are gloves required? No.

Will I have to bring a mask and gloves? No. You are encouraged to bring your own personal protective equipment but the court will also have masks and gloves available for you to use.

Will the courthouse have hand sanitizer dispensers and hand washing areas available? Yes. Hand sanitizers and hand washing areas will be available in the courthouse.

What if I feel sick the day I am scheduled to report for jury duty? If you feel sick, stay home. You can call or email jury management for instructions.

What if I feel unsafe or sick after reporting for jury duty? Please separate yourself from anyone else and contact a staff member immediately.

Are jury trials still needed? Yes. Jury trials are a cornerstone of our justice system. Our state and federal constitutions guarantee a right to a trial by jury.

How can we have jury trials when the Governor has limited public gatherings? Court functions, including jury trials, are an essential government function and are an exception to the limits on public gatherings.

Will jury duty be in person or via virtual means, like Zoom? Jury duty will be in person. While many court hearings can be done over a virtual platform, like Zoom, a jury trial is not one of them.

Will coffee, tea, or reading materials be available? No. For safety reasons, the court will not be offering coffee, tea, or reading materials. Bottled water will be available. You are welcome to bring your own coffee, tea or reading materials.

Where will jury selection take place? Jury selection will take place at a facility near the courthouse but not in the courthouse (with the possible exception of Everett District Court). You will be directed to the correct location when you call the jury line the night before your scheduled report date.

Why will the selection process take place outside of the courtroom? Our courtrooms are too small to safely accommodate the large number of people that are needed for the jury selection process (about 20 people are needed for the original jury pool). We have located nearby facilities that can safely accommodate the jury pool, the attorneys, the litigants, and court staff. Once the jury has been picked, we will return to the courtroom for the trial. There may be some extra travel involved so please keep track of your mileage and report it upon request.

What kind of cases can I expect to hear? We are a court of limited jurisdiction so you can expect that you will be hearing cases like Driving Under the Influence, Domestic Violence Assault, No Contact Order violations, and various other misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases.