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## **Answers to Jurors' Frequently Asked Questions During COVID-19**

**Q. What should I do if I have concerns about serving on a jury during the pandemic?** Please complete and submit the *COVID-19 Concerns Questionnaire* on the jury office page of the court's website at [https://www.sc.pima.gov/Portals/0/Juror/JuryQuestionnaireCovid\\_19\\_9\\_23\\_2020.pdf](https://www.sc.pima.gov/Portals/0/Juror/JuryQuestionnaireCovid_19_9_23_2020.pdf)

**Q. What steps has the Court taken to keep me safe?**

In tandem with best practices and guidelines developed by Pima County Superior Court's COVID-19 [Back to Operations](#) Task Force for the conduct of in-person court proceedings, stringent health and safety procedures have been implemented in compliance with current public health guidance and consultation with the Pima County Health Department. These include:

**Cleaning** - Courtrooms, the jury assembly room, and all public areas are [cleaned and disinfected](#) frequently. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the courthouse.

**Reducing visitors** – The Court has significantly decreased jury trials, as well as the number of jurors called to report for jury service at any one time. The Court has also encouraged those who can resolve legal matters via video or telephonic hearings to do so, further reducing the number of visitors to the courthouse each day.

**Social distancing** – The Court has implemented physical distancing policies throughout the courthouse and court offices. Floor markings and signage remind visitors and court employees to keep a safe distance.

**Face coverings** – Court employees and visitors must wear a face-covering/mask in the courthouse and its court offices.

**Wellness screening** – Temperature checks are required for all court visitors and staff upon entering the building.

**Q. Do I have to come if I am over age 60? Yes.** But Arizona law permits jurors age 75 or older to opt-out of jury service by noting it on their jury questionnaire.

**Q. Do I have to report if serving would cause extreme financial or physical hardship?** If serving on a jury would pose an extreme hardship, please fill out and return your jury questionnaire and call the jury office at (520) 724-4222. If you cannot serve due to a health condition, you may be asked to submit a [medical excuse form](#) signed by your health care provider.

**Q. Do I still have to come if I have an underlying health condition?** Arizona law allows a person to be excused if jury service would cause *extreme* physical hardship. This hardship can include having a mental or physical condition that causes you to be incapable of performing jury service. Arizona law requires written documentation by a medical professional outlining your situation and why it constitutes an undue or extreme hardship. The medical excuse form is available [here](#), or by accessing the jury webpage at [www.sc.pima.gov/jury](http://www.sc.pima.gov/jury).

- Q. I am under quarantine. Do I still have to come to jury duty?** Please call the jury office at (520) 724-4222 for instructions regarding your situation.
- Q. My child's school or daycare is closed. Do I still have to come to jury duty?** If it is not possible for you to perform jury service due to your caregiving responsibilities, please call the jury office at (520) 724-4222 for instructions regarding your situation.
- Q. I am a medical worker working with virus-exposed patients. Do I still have to come to jury duty?** Being employed in a specific profession does not typically permit an individual to be excused from jury service. Please contact the jury office at (520) 724-4222 for instructions regarding your situation.
- Q. I feel ill. Should I still report for jury service?** No. If you are feeling unwell on or immediately before your reporting date, please call the jury office at (520) 724-4222 for instructions.
- Q. The pandemic has already reduced my income, and coming to jury duty means I miss work. Do I still have to serve?** Missing work is not, in itself, a sufficient reason to be excused from jury service. Arizona law prohibits employers from penalizing employees who report for jury service, although employers are not required to compensate their employees for that time. Arizona law allows a person to be excused if jury service would cause *extreme* financial hardship. Please call the jury office at (520) 724-4222 for instructions.
- Q. Do I have to wear a mask?** Yes. Pima County Superior Court Administrative Order [2020-34](#) requires all persons to wear a mask in the courthouse. Please call the jury office at (520) 724-4222 or visit the [COVID-19 information page](#) of the Court website for information and updates.
- Q. Why should I report for jury service when the pandemic is ongoing?** Jury service is one of the cornerstones of our justice system, as provided for in the United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution. The Court has a duty to uphold the constitutional rights of Pima County's citizens, which include the right to a jury trial. You are an essential part of the jury process. The Court will make every effort to keep you safe while continuing to provide access to justice for our community.
- Q. Can I participate in jury service, but not come to the courthouse?** There are currently no measures that allow you to serve jury duty from a location other than the courthouse.
- Q. If I have concerns about safety measures or precautions that are not being followed while I am in the courthouse, what should I do?** If you are waiting to be empaneled, please inform the jury staff. If you are serving on a jury, please notify the bailiff or courtroom clerk so your concerns may be addressed.

For more information about jury service, please see the [juror information webpage](#). On it, you will find a [juror orientation video](#), as well as reporting information, directions to the courthouse, and answers to [commonly asked questions](#).

Thank you in advance for your service.