Jury Duty

Locations

- Central Courthouse

(expanding to the other courthouses at a later date)

Jury trials are planned to resume beginning on October 13, 2020.

Jury service for people who previously deferred their service through October 8 is considered complete. Those who deferred their service for a date after October 8 will receive a new summons in the mail with their reporting instructions.

We are committed to the safety of our jurors. We are closely following the guidelines issued by the CDC, and state and local health authorities. In addition to the precautions we've taken for all members of the public coming into the courthouse, these extra steps are taken to safely bring jurors in for trials:

- We're using telephone standby to decrease the number of people coming to the courthouse in person. Call in the night before to find out if you have to report the next day. Standby begins on a Friday (call in on Thursday evening) and ends on a Thursday (last call in on Wednesday evening).
- A new online portal allows potential jurors to register their phone number and email address so that we can send you an alert if it turns out you aren't needed to come into the courthouse. Once you receive your summons in the mail, visit sdcourt.ca.gov/Jury and click "Online Jury Services" to register.
- Concession sales in the courthouses may be limited or unavailable, so you may want to bring lunch or a few snacks with you when you report for jury service, but please do not bring in glass containers. Review all prohibited items listed at sdcourt.ca.gov/Jury.
- Significantly fewer jurors are being summoned. Capacity in jury assembly rooms will be considerably limited and social distancing markers will be used to keep space between potential jurors.
- Juror interviews will take place in settings that permit 6 feet of distance between jurors.
- If you're selected to serve on a jury, you'll be spaced at least 6 feet apart in the courtroom or seated in the jury box with protective plastic panel installed between each of your fellow jurors and other courtroom participants.
- When it comes time to deliberate, you'll still be able to maintain at least 6 feet of space from others - you will go into another courtroom or a larger meeting room rather than the usual smaller jury deliberation rooms.

For additional details on the Court's resumption of jury trials, please watch the Jury Duty during COVID-19 video or refer to the news release posted to sdcourt.ca.gov/coronavirus.

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We are summoning significantly fewer jurors than in the past, so there won't be as many people coming into the courthouses.

It is more critical than ever that you report for jury duty as directed.

Learn more:
sdcourt.ca.gov/Jury