



# Superior Court of California County of Sonoma

Bradford J. DeMeo  
Presiding Judge

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Arlene D. Junior  
Court Executive Officer

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October 15, 2020

Dear Prospective Juror:

The Sonoma County Superior Court thanks you for your service to our Court and the County of Sonoma. The Court is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for all who enter our courthouses. We are taking the following steps to adhere to all public safety and social distancing guidelines in our Court.

- Jurors may complete an online Confidential Juror Hardship Request form prior to reporting for service in order to minimize the number of jurors reporting to the courthouse.
- The Jury Assembly Room at the Hall of Justice Courthouse is not sufficient to maintain appropriate social distancing and COVID-19 protocols implemented by this Court for your health and safety. Therefore, the Court has secured a building at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Garrett Hall is located on the northeast side of the fairgrounds complex. Access is through the East gate entry point to the fairgrounds facility. Parking is provided across the street on the eastside of Brookwood Avenue. We recommend that you arrive in the parking area at least 20 minutes prior to your scheduled start time indicated. Please do not attempt to park at any other location around the facility as you will not be permitted entry at any point other than the Eastside gate. You may bring bottled water and a snack item for your comfort, and reading material for use during breaks.
- Court security will monitor the lines of prospective jurors entering the building in order to ensure that jurors are engaging in social distancing.
- There will be COVID-19 health screening and security screening upon entry to the building.
- The Jury Assembly Area will be cleaned and sanitized before the arrival of each jury panel.
- Restrooms are easily accessible and located within the building.
- Jurors will be seated using folding chairs. If you are moved around the room after sitting in your chair, you will be required to move the chair with you to eliminate use by different persons.
- Social distancing will be maintained throughout the entire jury trial process, from jury assembly and selection through deliberation. We have implemented 6-foot physical distancing policies throughout the courthouse with floor and seat guides to assist and remind of physical distancing.

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- All persons must wear a mask or face covering to enter any court facility and at all times while inside in accordance with guidelines set by the California Department of Public Health. Masks are available for jurors upon request.

- Once a jury is selected and sworn, the trial will move back to the Hall of Justice for conduct of the trial. Courthouse entry instructions will be provided to each juror. Jury deliberation will occur in spaces of sufficient size to ensure social distancing.

The Court continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will make ongoing adjustments at the direction of public health officials and the needs of the community. Jurors who are not feeling well are encouraged to stay home and may contact Jury Services at (707) 521-6640 or email [scjury@sonomacourt.org](mailto:scjury@sonomacourt.org) to reschedule their jury duty. Jury duty remains at the core of our democracy. We want your experience in our Court to be meaningful, and we want to assure you that we are taking all the necessary precautions for your health and safety.

Sincerely,



Bradford J. DeMeo  
Presiding Judge

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