

Juror safety during the Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Dear Juror

In consultation with Queensland's Chief Health Officer, the following measures have been implemented to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to jurors. These measures include:

- Carefully customizing courtrooms and juror meeting areas to standards endorsed by Queensland Health as appropriate during jury service;
- Providing hand sanitizer and access to wash stations;
- Ensuring additional commercial cleaning of court facilities; and
- Asking you to advise us immediately if you experience symptoms such as fever, a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath and then not come to the courthouse.

If you are concerned about undertaking jury service because you:

- Are 70 years of age or older;
- Are 65 years of age or older with a chronic medical condition;
- Are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with a chronic medical condition; or
- Have a weakened immune system.

Please contact us as provided on the summons.

What to expect when you attend court

- Jurors will be managed in small groups to enable spacing in meeting areas;
- Jury selection may be assisted by a video link process;
- Access by other people to the courtroom will be limited to ensure space requirements are maintained; and
- Further information is available on the courts' website at: <https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/jury-service/about-jury-service>. You should watch the juror empanelment video if possible before you attend (<https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/jury-service/about-jury-service/videos-and-resources-for-jurors>).

Things to Remember

- Court staff will always be on hand to provide any assistance you may require during the process;
- Ensure you bring your summons with you each day that you attend to assist in making the process run smoothly;
- While hand sanitizer will be available, it is always advisable to carry your own as well;
- Practice good hygiene by regularly washing your hands or using hand sanitizer;
- Cover your nose and mouth with your elbow or use a tissue when coughing or sneezing; and
- Most importantly, if you are unwell please stay home and advise us via phone (07 3738 7979) or email jury.brisbane@justice.qld.gov.au.

Your safety is important to us and we are confident that your participation in jury service will be carried out in a safe manner.

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