

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS FROM HON. HUNTER J. REECE

Beginning in July 2020, the Warren Circuit Court, along with other Courts in Indiana began expanded court operations after COVID-19, to include jury trials. You are receiving this Notice, because you've been summoned for jury duty. As your Judge, I've taken steps, along with our county officials, to promote healthy measures in our Courthouse for those most concerned about COVID-19, assisting to continue to slow the spread of coronavirus, while at the same time assuring we are all able to answer the call for jury duty, guaranteeing litigants the fair and impartial trial our Warren County citizens provide. While Warren County has not experienced a drastic increase in covid cases, despite opening back up and increased testing, we want to take precautions.

Please take a moment to view a helpful video, explaining what to expect when you visit the courthouse, along with other information from this Notice, on our website: www.warrencounty.in.gov/circuit-court. This Notice provides a short summary of those measures.

What you can expect from the Court:

- Restricted access to the Court to limit the number of people, so those required to attend can sit six (6) feet apart. Jurors will no longer sit 12 to the jury box or jury room, but be spaced out.
- Jurors will use the Courtroom to deliberate for larger jury trials.
- Face masks will be provided and strongly encouraged, even though social distancing is required. ***If the Governor mandates masks, you will need to wear those in common areas unless exempt, but may if you feel necessary, remove them once you are seated and social distancing. FREE masks are available when you enter the Courthouse.**
- Hallways, common areas, and seating are marked to restrict spacing for social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations available to staff, jurors and visitors.
- Jurors will arrive throughout the day in smaller groups of about 20 or less.
- Cleaning by Court and custodial staff during recesses, lunch, and overnight using antiviral cleaners.

What we expect of you (SIX THINGS):

1. Watch the Jury Orientation Video **BEFORE YOU REPORT**, this link is available on the Court's Facebook page www.facebook.com/warrencircuitcourt.in or the Court's website (above).
2. If you have personal face covering or hand sanitizer at home, feel free to bring them. If not, the Court will provide them.
3. Arrive as close to your schedule time as possible, not too early or too late.
4. If you are sick, call the Court and DO NOT come in for jury duty. We will move you to the top of the list for the next jury, when you are feeling better. Take your temperature in the 3 days before reporting and stay home if it is over 101°F. (*Learn more about the symptoms of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>*)
5. Practice good hygiene and use common sense: Wash your hands; avoid touching your face; do not touch others; and maintain social distancing.
6. Complete and return the enclosed *Supplemental Questionnaire*, if you request an exemption due to COVID-19. You may also fill it out online on the Court's website.