

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE JURORS FROM HON. HUNTER J. REECE

Beginning in July 2020, the Warren Circuit Court, along with other Courts in Indiana will expand court operations after COVID-19, to include jury trials. You are receiving this Notice, because you've been summoned to appear for jury duty. As your Judge in the Warren Circuit Court, 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 an increase in covid cases, despite opening back up and increased testing, we want to take precautions.

Soon, we will have a short public service video online explaining in detail what actions we've taken, but this Notice provides a summary of what you may expect when you report:

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 will be spaced out.
- Jurors will use the Courtroom to deliberate for larger juries.
- Face masks will be provided and strongly encouraged, even though social distancing is required.
- Hallways, common areas, and seating are now 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 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 Court's Jury Orientation Video **BEFORE YOU REPORT**, this link is available on Facebook www.facebook.com/warrencircuitcourt.in or the Court's webpage www.warrencounty.in.gov
<https://youtu.be/TZW82OxfuQ0>
2. If you have personal face covering or hand sanitizer at home, feel free to bring them. If not, the Court will provide it.
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> and get tested for free at the Fountain-Warren County Health Department*)
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. You may also fill it out online at: <https://forms.gle/FXERPzeEwKA6ggac8>



STATE OF INDIANA
WARREN CIRCUIT COURT

Supplemental Jury Questionnaire

Your name has been selected for potential service as a juror. In order to determine your qualifications to sit as a juror, you are asked to complete and return this personal questionnaire. The questions asked in this questionnaire could be asked of you in open court. You are required to answer the questions truthfully. The information is NOT for the public. Only the Judge and the attorneys who will be involved in jury cases during your term will see your answers. Jury service is an obligation of every American citizen, and this duty should not be taken lightly. Trial by juries is the keystone of our system of justice. Its successful operation requires the intelligent and unbiased judgment of qualified jurors.

YOUR NAME: _____
First Middle Last

Your Juror Number: 2020-_____

Are you still a resident of Warren County, Indiana:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please provide your new address: _____ If no, you may sign and return this Questionnaire, without proceeding further, as only a Warren County resident may serve on a jury in Warren County, Indiana.	
Are you considered in the "vulnerable" by the Centers for Disease Control to COVID-19 due to your age or preexisting health conditions (visit: www.cdc.gov for a listing)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is someone residing in your home considered "vulnerable" by the CDC to COVID-19 due to their age or health conditions?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you employed in a nursing home or as a frontline worker (police, EMS, or Healthcare)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain if there is any reason, related to COVID-19, that you believe you would be unable to serve on a jury at this time: _____ _____ _____	
After reading the Notice from the Court, explaining the healthy measures taken in response to COVID-19, how concerned are you about going into the Courthouse, if healthy measures have been taken? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Not Concerned Extremely Concerned	

You are required to watch the jury orientation video before you come to Court: *Indiana Jury Service: Duty, Privilege, Honor*. You may view this online:

<https://youtu.be/TZW82OxfuQ0>

You may also locate this on our website: www.warrencounty.in.gov or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/warrencircuitcourt.in If you are unable to access this and need a reasonable accommodation, please call the Warren Circuit Court Bailiff (765) 762-3604 and a special time will be arranged for you to view the video.

PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS

I affirm under pains and penalties of perjury that the forgoing answers are true and correct and that I have reviewed the *Indiana Jury Service Video*.

Your Signature

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