

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. Following a short stoppage of jury trials last winter to slow the spread, we resumed jury trials in March 2021. Trials are now operating safely and normally around Indiana, as Hoosiers slowly return to normal life. More than **1.8 million** Hoosiers have been fully vaccinated, as counties see COVID-fatalities wane and positivity rates decline from 2020 peaks. CDC, state and local health departments, and local government are relaxing restrictions. Indiana courts are no different. We are resuming operations, but with caution in mind, as we monitor local health data.

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.

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 social distancing may be accomplished. Jurors will arrive throughout the day in smaller groups.
- Face masks provided for the unvaccinated and welcomed for anyone's use, even though social distancing is in place.
***If the Governor mandates or county health data requires masks, masks may be mandated.**
- Hallways, common areas, and seating are marked to restrict spacing for social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer is available to staff, jurors and visitors, with extra cleaning by custodial staff.

What we expect of you:

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 (www.warrencounty.in.gov/circuit-court).
2. Arrive as close to your schedule time as possible, not too early or too late.
3. 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 trial, 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>)
4. Practice good hygiene and use common sense: Wash your hands; avoid touching your face; do not touch others; and maintain social distancing.
5. If you would like to be considered for a possible exemption due to COVID-19, you may request an Exemption Form from the Bailiff or fill it out online on the Court's website.