



**COVID-19 UPDATES -
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING JURY DUTY**

May 28, 2020

Q: I already was postponed but I don't feel comfortable serving now due to the virus. May I receive another postponement?

A: Contact the Jury Commissioner's Office at 916-408-6003, and they will advise you of your options.

Q: I have children I am unable to find alternate care for during my reporting time. Should I still report for jury duty?

A: Contact the Jury Commissioner's Office at 916-408-6003, and they will advise you of your options.

Q: I received a letter with my jury summons that indicated I may be asked to appear at an alternate site other than the courthouse. Can you provide more information?

A: Yes. The court has arranged for the use of the Whitney High School Theater in Rocklin. Please pay close attention to your reporting instructions when asked to report for jury service. Those instructions will include whether you need to report to the Gibson Courthouse or Whitney High School.

Q: Will there be any limitation on what I can bring to this alternate site if I am told to report for jury duty there rather than the courthouse?

A: Alternate facilities do not accommodate x-ray screening and require hand search of all bags entering the building. Due to concerns with COVID-19, bags are generally not allowed into the facility in an effort to avoid contamination due to hand-searching of bags for security purposes. Bags are allowed under the following circumstances:

- A medical need is communicated to the jury staff and/or bailiff. Court security will then perform a hand search of the bag using gloves. Gloves will be disposed of after each use.
- The bag is clear and see through.
- The owner can sufficiently open the bag to allow court security to fully see its contents.



Q: What procedures are being implemented for cleaning?

A: Shared use items will be cleaned by janitorial staff in a cleaning solution before each new use. Janitorial staff will be on site to clean any shared areas throughout the day. A thorough cleaning will be completed nightly.

Q: Will I be required to wear a face covering?

A: You are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when at the courthouse or alternate site location, unless wearing a face covering is not possible due to medical reasons.

Q: Will my temperature be checked when reporting for jury selection?

A: No, however you are encouraged to self-monitor. If you are sick, **contact the Jury Commissioner's Office**. Do not report to the courthouse if you are sick.

Q: Will there be hand sanitizer available for juror use?

A: There will be hand sanitizer at all jury assembly locations, courtrooms, and jury deliberation areas.

Q: If I am sick and do not appear, will a warrant be issued or will I be fined for not showing up?

A: No. Any juror who feels they are sick on the day they are called to report should not report. Contact the Jury Commissioner's Office and they will provide you with further information.