## Superior Court of California County of San Benito

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## **Important Information for Prospective Jurors**

The San Benito County Superior Court thanks you for your service to our Court and the County of San Benito. The Court is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for all who enter our courthouses. Jury service resumes in April 2021, taking into consideration orders issued by the County of San Benito Public Health Officer.

## **Juror Reporting Instructions:**

<u>The week prior to reporting for jury service</u>, you must follow the instructions below. If you don't have access to a computer, please call 831-636-4057 x146, for further instruction.

- > Step 1: Watch the Jury Orientation Video
- > Step 2: Complete the <a href="Hardship Form For Reporting Jurors">Hardship Form For Reporting Jurors</a>, at least one week prior to your reporting date. The request can be downloaded or printed and mailed to the address above or emailed to jury@sanbenito.courts.ca.gov
- > **Step 3:** On the evening before you are scheduled to report, check the status of your group number on the courts website or call 831-636-4057 X146
- > **Step 4:** If your group number is confirmed, you are ordered to report in person at the courthouse. All persons entering the courthouse are required to follow CDC guidelines.

## The Court is taking the following measures to ensure the safety of both prospective and empaneled jurors:

- 1. Screened all persons at the entrance to determine the purpose of their visit. Only those required to be at Court are being allowed to enter in small numbers.
- 2. Must wear face coverings at all times while inside the Court;
- 3. Fewer jurors will be directed to report to Court on any given day to allow for appropriate safeguards.
- 4. Jurors will be instructed to report on different days of the week in order to reduce the number of jurors present in Court on any one day.
- 5. Social distancing will be maintained throughout the entire jury trial process, from jury assembly and selection through deliberation.
- 6. Jury deliberation will occur in spaces of sufficient size to ensure social distancing.
- 7. Must avoid entering the facility if they have COVID-19 symptoms;
- 8. No eating inside of the courthouse;
- 9. Should follow tape/markings to maintain proper social distancing