



Juror safety during the COVID-19 response

Juror safety is our priority

In consultation with Queensland Health, we have implemented the following measures to reduce the risk of jurors being exposed to COVID-19:

- Carefully customising courtrooms and meeting areas to standards endorsed by Queensland Health as appropriate for jury service at this time;
- Providing hand sanitiser and access to wash stations;
- Ensuring additional commercial cleaning of court facilities;
- Limiting the numbers of people in an elevator at a time;
- Asking jurors to advise us immediately if they experience symptoms such as a fever, a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath prior to attending or while in attendance at the courthouse, and not attend the courthouse if they are unwell; and
- Asking jurors to advise us if they are required to self-quarantine due to possible or actual exposure to the COVID-19 virus and not attend the courthouse.

If someone is concerned about undertaking jury service because they:

- are 70 years of age or older;
- are 65 years of age or older with a chronic medical condition;
- are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with a chronic medical condition; or
- have a weakened immune system

they are encouraged to contact us upon receiving their summons.

What to expect when a juror attends court

- They will be advised via text message (if they provide us with their mobile phone number), the daily law list and phone message the day before they attend of precisely where they must go when they attend.
- Jurors may be managed in smaller groups to enable appropriate spacing in meeting areas.
- Access to courtrooms by other people will be limited to ensure appropriate distancing requirements are maintained.

Our Court staff will always provide any assistance required during the process.

In the event that we are officially advised that a person who participated in jury service tested positive for COVID-19, we will supply the details of others involved in jury service to Queensland Health as requested by it for the purposes of contact tracing pursuant to the *Public Health Act*.

How jurors can help

- Watching the juror empanelment video at www.courts.qld.gov.au/jury-service/about-jury-service/videos-and-resources-for-jurors before attending court;
- Bringing their summons to the courthouse each day to assist in making the process run smoothly;
- While hand sanitiser will be available, also bringing their own;
- Practising good hygiene by regularly washing their hands or using hand sanitiser;
- Covering their nose and mouth with their elbow, or using a tissue, when coughing or sneezing; and
- Most importantly, if they are unwell, staying home and advising us via the phone number or email address provided on the summons.

We are confident that participation in jury service will be conducted in a safe manner.