**HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR JURORS**

The State Trial Courts of Davidson County, Tennessee are acutely aware of the legitimate health concerns people may have about the Covid-19 pandemic. While the courts have continued to operate throughout the pandemic, we have done so in measured steps that makes as its foremost priority the health and safety of everyone concerned. The next step is to reestablish jury trials. Jury trials are a constitutional right for criminal defendants and civil trial parties and are an essential part of the judicial process. Unnecessary delay is a violation of an individual’s right to a speedy trial, denies victims closure and creates a backlog within the courts. Though extraordinary precaution should be taken in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the courts must move forward to prepare for jury trials. The Courts are responsible for creating a framework promoting safety for all parties involved while protecting the rights of trial participants. We are confident we can do so while limiting the risk to your health and safety.

Operational protocols include:

**A. No jury trials will occur unless we are in Phase III of Nashville’s reopening plan.**

1. Summonses may issue in Phase II, but jury trials will be cancelled if Nashville has not advanced to Phase III by the Friday before the date to report.

 2. Phase Two & Three information may be found at [www.asafenashville.org](http://www.asafenashville.org).

**B. The courthouses are cleaned and disinfected daily per CDC guidelines and additional staff are assigned to routinely disinfect high-traffic areas throughout the day.**

**C. All persons entering the building must:**

1. Have their temperature checked and register below 100.4.

 2. Wear a mask or other acceptable facial covering

 **a. you are urged to bring your personal mask or facial covering**

b. disposable masks will be made available if necessary

**D. Once inside the courthouse:**

1. All persons must strictly comply with social distancing requirements and wear a mask or facial covering.

 2. Elevator use will be limited to 5 persons at a time.

**E. Courtrooms and Jury Assembly**

1. Hand sanitizer will be available for use at all times

 2. Seating will be sanitized after each use

 3. Social distancing will be strictly enforced

 4. Wearing of mask or other facial covering required

**F. Additional information may be found at:**

1. [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)