

Ashtabula Municipal Court COVID-19 Jury Trial Protocol

- People summoned for jury duty will be asked health screening questions upon entering the building. Court security guard may deny entrance to anyone they determine may present a risk to the health and safety of others, based upon the results of these screening protocols.
- Jurors are required to self-monitor prior to traveling to Court to determine whether they are experiencing any of the following symptoms and that, if they are experiencing any of these symptoms or feel sick on the morning of the jury trial, to call Court staff at (440) 992-7109 to be excused from jury service.
 - 1. Fever of 100.4F or higher**
 - 2. Persistent, dry cough**
 - 3. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
 - 4. Chills, muscle pain, or sore throat**
 - 5. Loss of taste or smell**
 - 6. Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea**
- Persons entering the building shall be informed of the six foot social distancing requirement.
- Face coverings (covering both mouth and nose) shall be required for entry into the building. This does not need to be a hospital-grade mask (does not need to be N95).
- Anyone permitted to enter the Courthouse shall be required to clean his/her hands, immediately upon entrance, with appropriate hand sanitizer that will be available at the Courthouse checkpoint.
- The courtroom/jury room has been organized to provide safe distancing for those summoned to serve on jury. Seating capacity has been limited and a maximum capacity has been determined to accommodate the social distancing requirements of at least six feet from any two people in a room.
- Court staff will sanitize podium, microphones, and all other items touched by trial participants prior to and throughout proceedings as needed.
- A testifying witness will be permitted to remove his or her face covering before testifying, enabling the Court to maintain an accurate recording of the proceedings and the Court, jurors and counsel with the opportunity to observe the witness' demeanor and facial expressions during the examination period.
- The Court will have disposable gloves available upon request.