

Ensuring juror safety during COVID-19 Factsheet

In consultation with NSW Health, the Office of the Sheriff has implemented measures to reduce COVID-19 risk to ensure jury service is safer, which may include:

- Thermal scanning
- Social distancing
- The provision of hand sanitiser and wash stations
- Individualised jury meals (to prevent contamination)
- Releasing from jury service persons most at risk
- Additional commercial cleaning
- Limited access to courts to allow for social distancing
- Additional screening measures.



What to Expect at Court

On the day of your summons, you will arrive to your court complex and be divided into small groups to ensure that you have enough space for social distance practices. A Court or Sheriff Officer may take your temperature and will ask you some relevant screening questions and then check your availability to serve.

All of our court room spaces and courts have been carefully selected to ensure they meet social distancing standards. These spaces are also frequently cleaned by specialised commercial cleaners. Hand sanitiser or wash stations are readily available.

To enhance social distancing, public access to the courtroom will be limited so you'll have room to spread out. Many of the court participants will be appearing by Audio Visual Link technology.

Your safety is our first priority. We have been working with NSW Health to ensure we are all able to participate in the justice system in a safe manner.

For more information about COVID-19 and on how you can help protect yourself and others please visit:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

To learn more about measures to introduce social distancing for jury service please visit:

<https://www.juror.nsw.gov.au/home>