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### Genesee County Circuit Court to Resume Jury Trials

Genesee County 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, with approval of the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), will resume jury trials beginning on September 15, 2020.

Jury summons have been issued to Genesee County citizens and additional communications have been provided explaining the measures put in place to protect the health and safety of jurors, judges, parties, witnesses and court staff. It is critical that Genesee County citizens know that the Court has taken extra precautions to provide a safe environment.

Information from the Genesee County Health Department documenting the downward trend in new COVID19 cases has been obtained and continues to be monitored on a daily basis.

Social distancing, protective glass panels in courtrooms, enhanced frequent disinfecting protocols and mask wearing are some of the other precautions in place.

Prospective jurors will be required to arrive at different times and in smaller groups to maintain social distancing. Seating and flooring are marked to ensure six feet for social distancing.

The public is required to enter the courthouse at the Beach Street entrance only. Health screening questions are asked by security personnel. Prospective jurors will be provided PPE kits that include personal hand sanitizer, masks if necessary and gloves should documents require review. Courtrooms will be subjected to multiple cleanings each day.

The Court recognizes that some citizens will be unable to appear for jury service because of their age, underlying medical conditions and other hardships caused by the pandemic. The Jury Management office will grant excusals and postponements as necessary. For further information, contact Jury Management at 810-257-3285 or [jury@7thcircuitcourt.com](mailto:jury@7thcircuitcourt.com)

The health and safety of all parties, participants and staff are a top priority for the court. Jury trials are an important function of the court and foundational to our justice system.

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