

2. The decision to postpone a jury trial or grand jury proceeding due to COVID-19 related reasons shall be left to the discretion of the presiding judge with consideration given to any existing local COVID-19 health and safety ordinances, weekly COVID-19 trends, and in consultation with the Administrative District Judge.
3. Prospective jurors who are summoned to appear for jury duty who indicate their preference to be either postponed or excused from jury duty due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns shall have their request approved.
4. Courtrooms: The use of appropriate health and safety protocols, including barricades, masking, and social distancing to reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus to persons participating in a courtroom proceeding shall be left to the discretion of the presiding judge with consideration given to any existing local COVID-19 health and safety ordinances and the current conditions within the county including, but not limited to, the published incidence rates.
5. Courthouse Common Areas: Masking and social distancing is recommended in the common areas of the courthouses. Any requirement for the use of further health and safety protocols, including masking and distancing in the offices of judges, shall be left to the discretion of the presiding judge, with consideration given to any existing local COVID-19 safety precaution ordinances.
6. All said protocols shall be posted in compliance with paragraph 11 of the EMERGENCY ORDER.

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