

NOTICE REGARDING JURY DUTY

To minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19, all prospective jurors will be required to wear a mask or face covering over the nose and mouth while inside the courthouse. Prospective jurors will also be required to maintain a six-foot distance from others and are prohibited from congregating in hallways and other open areas.

If you fall into any of the categories listed below and are unable to serve as a juror, please contact the _____ County Circuit Clerk's Office at **601-XXX-XXXX** to submit your excuse. If you have been diagnosed with any illness or are the primary caregiver for a vulnerable person who has been diagnosed with any illness, please call the Circuit Clerk's Office before reporting to jury duty.

Statutory and Other Exemptions/Excuses

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 13-5-23 and 25, prospective jurors who fall into any of the following categories may be excused from jury duty:

- If you are ill,
- If serving as a juror would cause undue or extreme physical or financial hardship to you or a person under your care or supervision,
- If you are a breastfeeding mother,
- If you are over sixty (60) years old,
- If you are under twenty-one (21) years of age,
- If you cannot read and write,
- If you have not been a registered voter or freeholder of _____ County for more than one year,
- If you have been convicted of or have pled guilty to a felony, in any State, or federal jurisdiction,
- If you served on a grand jury in this county within the past two years,
- If you served on a regular trial jury within last two years within this county,
- If you have a case pending in circuit court in this county, or
- If you are a common gambler or habitual drunkard.

Regarding COVID-19

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or believe you may have been exposed, you will be excused from jury duty. Please call the Circuit Clerk's Office, and do not report for jury duty.

If you have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 recognized by the Center for Disease Control, or have been in contact with anyone experiencing any of these symptoms, you will be excused from jury duty:

- Cough,
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- Fever,
- Chills,
- Muscle Pain,
- Sore throat,
- Loss of taste or smell;
- Nausea or vomiting; and
- Diarrhea

If you suffer from any other hardship related to COVID-19, financial or otherwise, you may be excused from jury duty. Please call the Circuit Clerk's Office.