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SUPERIOR COURT OF  
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## ***RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT SUMMONS JURORS FOR CRIMINAL TRIALS***

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### **RIVERSIDE COUNTY:**

In March 2020, the Riverside Superior Court discontinued summoning jurors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to constitutional requirements the Court will begin to summon jurors for appearance dates beginning in mid-June 2020 and anticipates that a limited number of trials will start at that time. Cases with constitutional and statutory timeframes approaching will have priority.

The Court remains committed to keeping jurors, attorneys, staff and all other court users safe and has worked with the Riverside County Public Health Officer to develop protocols designed to protect the health and safety of jurors. These protocols include:

- requiring face coverings for all who enter into a court facility;
- reconfiguring jury assembly rooms, courtrooms and lobbies to allow for social distancing;
- calling in jurors only when a case is ready to proceed to trial and at staggered time intervals to reduce the number of jurors reporting at the same time;
- having prospective jurors complete an online availability form prior to reporting for service in order to minimize the number of jurors reporting to the courtroom for jury selection; and
- implementing heightened cleaning protocols that include daily sanitation of common and high-traffic areas.

If you receive a summons in the mail, please do not discard it. If you are summoned on or after June 15, 2020, you may check your status or request a postponement through one of the following options:

- Log on to the Juror Web Portal at:  
<https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/GeneralInfo/JuryInfo/juror-portal.php>
- Use the automated phone system: (951) 275-5076 or (760) 342-5264

For more information on your jury service, please visit our website at:  
<https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/GeneralInfo/JuryInfo/jury-info.php>