

MARANA MUNICIPAL COURT JURY FAQ'S DURING COVID-19

Q: I am classified as a vulnerable person to COVID-19 can I be released from jury service?

Arizona law allows a person to be excused if jury service would cause *extreme* physical hardship. This hardship can include having a mental or physical condition that causes you to be incapable of performing jury service. Arizona law requires written documentation by a medical professional outlining your situation and why it constitutes an undue or extreme hardship. The Marana Court considers a medical vulnerability to COVID-19 as an extreme hardship. The medical excuse form is available on the jury webpage at <https://www.maranaaz.gov/jury-duty>. The form should be completed by your medical provider and faxed to the court at (520) 382-2701 or emailed to jury@maranaaz.gov.

Q: I am a caretaker of a person vulnerable to COVID-19, can I be released from jury service?

If you care for a person vulnerable to COVID-19 you are eligible to be excused. Please complete the COVID-19 request for accommodation form available at <https://www.maranaaz.gov/jury-duty>.

Q: I am a healthcare worker currently working with COVID-19 patients, can I be released from jury service?

Being employed in a specific profession does not typically permit an individual to be excused from jury service. The Marana Court understands that COVID-19 is not a typical event. If you would like to request to be excused from service because you work directly with COVID-19 patients, please complete the COVID-19 request for accommodation form available at <https://www.maranaaz.gov/jury-duty>.

Q: If I am struggling with extreme financial or workplace hardship due to COVID-19, can I be released from jury service?

If serving on a jury would pose an extreme hardship please fill out your jury summons and questionnaire, select the applicable disqualification request on the summons and attach the required written statement. Return all completed documents to the court.

Q: I am currently under quarantine; do I still need to complete and return my summons and questionnaire?

Yes, your summons period lasts for 90 days. It is probable that your quarantine will have expired by the time that you are contacted to appear in court. Please complete your summons and questionnaire noting on the summons that you are currently under quarantine and the date your quarantine expires and return them to the court. If you are contacted by the court to appear for service and you are still under quarantine or you have any symptoms of COVID-19 please notify us at that time.

Q: Why should I report for jury service when the pandemic is ongoing?

Jury service is one of the cornerstones of our justice system, as provided for in the United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution. The Court has a duty to uphold the constitutional rights of our citizens, which includes the right to a jury trial. You are an essential part of the jury process. The Court will make every effort to keep you safe while continuing to provide access to justice for our community.