

Lane County COVID-19 Jury Process

Jurors will be called into the courthouse in groups of approximately 20 people.

The entire jury orientation and voir dire (aka jury selection) process takes about 2.5 hours per 20 people.

All jurors will have a health screening before entering the jury waiting room.

Jurors are called into the courthouse in phases as determined by the judge assigned to that trial, for example:

- Morning phase: 8:30 am; 20 jurors
- Noon phase: 12:00 pm; 20 jurors
- Afternoon phase: 2:30 pm; 20 jurors

If more than 60 jurors are needed to fully seat a jury, then the process may need to continue onto the next day.

Jurors will be called in to the jury waiting area in the basement level of the courthouse. Each chair is spaced out six feet apart. Jurors will receive their jury orientation at this time.

When it is time for voir dire, 14 randomly selected jurors will be taken into the trial courtroom. The remaining jurors will be taken to a secondary courtroom, where they can view the trial courtroom via closed circuit television.

You will be asked questions by the attorneys for both parties to determine if you will be selected as a juror for this trial.

This process will repeat for each phase of jurors called until enough jurors are selected for the trial.

At the end of each phase, the judge will give directions to all the jurors regarding the ongoing selection and/or trial. Once the jury is fully selected, the trial will begin as soon as possible. Generally, the trial will begin on the same day.