



## PRESS RELEASE

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To: Local Media

From: Hector X. Gonzalez, Jr., Court Executive Officer

Date: April 17, 2020

Re: No Jury Duty Until Further Notice

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The Court takes seriously the potential risk of COVID-19 exposure to the public, staff, parties and justice partners. For that reason, the Court is taking a proactive approach to minimize public interaction in our Court facilities, but still maintain a level of operation needed to provide judicial services to our community. Accordingly, it has reduced public access to all Court locations and will be reducing to essential functions, and hearing for the most part essential court cases, starting April 20, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Jury trial cases will not be heard during this time of essential functions. Accordingly, no one will be summoned for jury duty until further notice.

The Court will be notifying persons summoned that they do not have to report for jury duty. However, a person does not need to receive a notification from the court in order to not report for jury duty during that time period. The Court will be taking other preventative actions in response to the Coronavirus that will be explained in other press releases and posted on the Court's website.