**Juror Survey Instruments for Use During COVID-19**

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Effective communication with prospective jurors during the COVID-19 pandemic is critical to state courts to ensure that jury trials can be conducted safely and efficiently. Court staff need reliable information about whether prospective jurors believe that the court has taken appropriate steps to protect public health and safety as well as objective criteria with which to decide requests to be excused from jury service. The following survey instruments are tools with which courts can collect information from jurors. They include an excusal questionnaire for hardships related to COVID-19; juror exit questionnaires for both in-person and remote jury service; and a comprehensive and a simplified version of public opinion questions about jury service during the pandemic.

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# Hardship Requests Due To COVID-19

The following questions were developed for prospective jurors to request to be excused for hardship related to COVID-19. Courts can use these questions to supplement existing screening questions related to hardship. If possible, the NCSC recommends that courts offer to defer prospective jurors to a future date rather than excuse them from jury service entirely. A decision to excuse a prospective juror due to COVID-19 should be based on one or more of the factors described below; a prospective juror’s generalized anxiety about serving during the pandemic is not a valid justification for excusing the person from jury service.

Please indicate if any of the following statements apply to you:

* I am currently in self-quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19/coronavirus. Date of positive test: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_
* I am currently in self-quarantine after recent exposure to a person who tested positive for COVID-19/coronavirus
* I am currently experiencing symptoms of COVID-19/coronavirus
* I am at high risk of serious health effects from COVID-19 due to age
* I am at high risk of serious health effects from COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions
* I live with persons at high risk of serious health effects from COVID-19 (age or underlying health condition)
* I am employed as a healthcare worker treating COVID-19 patients
* I am employed as an essential worker with frequent exposure to members of the public
* I am the caregiver for minor children who are currently attending school remotely
* I am currently unemployed and experiencing severe financial hardship due to COVID-19
* Other COVID-19 related hardship (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# In-Person Juror Exit Questionnaire

Many courts routinely distribute juror exit questionnaires to persons who appear for jury service. During the COVID-19 pandemic, courts may supplement the exit questionnaires with the following questions to assess how well the court is educating prospective jurors about public health and safety measures and that have been implemented

On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1=Strongly Disagree | 2=Disagree | 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4=Agree | 5=Strongly Agree |
| The court clearly explained the measures that the Court is taking to protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am concerned about contracting COVID-19 myself. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am concerned about passing COVID-19 on to family members who are elderly or in poor health. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt comfortable reporting for jury service. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Due to COVID-19, jury service is a financial hardship for me. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I was able to practice recommended safety precautions on my commute to the courthouse today. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The public health and safety measures at the courthouse were consistent with those described in juror education materials. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Court takes public health and safety seriously. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I was treated respectfully by court staff. |  |  |  |  |  |

On a scale of 1 (Excellent) to 4 (Poor), how would you rate the measures taken by the Court to protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic?

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|  | 1=Excellent | 2=Good | 3=Adequate | 4=Poor | Not Applicable |
| Temperature and health screening at courthouse entrance. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enforcement of social distancing recommendations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enforcement of facemask requirements |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of hand sanitizer |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cleaning/Disinfecting public areas |  |  |  |  |  |
| [Other public health measures here] |  |  |  |  |  |

On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

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|  | 1=Strongly Disagree | 2=Disagree | 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4=Agree | 5=Strongly Agree |
| The judge explained the jury selection process clearly. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I understood the judge’s questions. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I understood the attorneys’ questions. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I could follow what was happening in the proceedings. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I understood my role in the proceedings. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I was able to see the judge, lawyers, and witnesses clearly in the courtroom. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I was able to express myself effectively. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The judge treated me with respect. |  |  |  |  |  |

Please provide information about yourself.

Have you ever been summoned for jury service before? Y/N

If yes, when was your most recent experience?

* Within the last year
* Two to five years ago
* Six to ten years ago
* More than 10 years ago

Indicate what happened during your most recent experience.

* I was summoned, but I did not have to report to the courthouse for jury service.
* I reported to the courthouse for jury service, but was not selected as a juror.
* I reported to the courthouse for jury service, and was selected as a juror or alternate.

For statistical report purposes, please provide the following demographic information.

Gender:

* Male
* Female
* Non-binary, non-conforming
* Prefer not to say

Are you Hispanic/Latinx? Y/N

Race:

* White
* Black/African-American
* American Indian/Native Alaskan
* Asian
* Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
* Other Race
* 2 or more Races

Age:

* 18 to 24
* 25 to 34
* 35 to 44
* 45 to 54
* 55 to 64
* 65 or older

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# Remote Jury Selection Exit Questionnaire

Some courts have implemented procedures to allow prospective jurors to participate in jury selection remotely during the pandemic. Only persons who are selected as trial jurors or alternates appear in person at the courthouse, greatly facilitating the court’s ability to enforce social distancing requirements. Courts should conduct exit questionnaires with prospective jurors who participated remotely to solicit their opinions about the procedures. Consistent with the proceeding itself, the court should distribute the online survey using an email or text notification.

**Joining the Proceeding**

For each question below, please select the single response that best describes your experience.

1. What type of device did you use to participate today?

* Desktop computer
* Laptop computer
* Personal Tablet/iPad
* Court-provided Tablet/iPad
* Mobile phone
* Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Where did you participate from today?

* My home
* My workplace
* A friend or family member’s home
* A public location (e.g., library, university, government facility)
* Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

1. How was your internet connection today?

* My connection was good: I had a reliable connection for the entire proceeding
* My connection was sometimes slow or unstable (e.g., video lagged or audio broke up at times, but the stream did not cut out)
* My connection was poor: It completely cut out or stopped working at least once during the proceeding

**Your Participation in the Proceeding**

For each item below, please select the single response that best reflects your opinion, based on your experience with the Court today. In addition, we ask a few questions about you to help us understand your views.

On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

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|  | 1=Strongly Disagree | 2=Disagree | 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4=Agree | 5=Strongly Agree |
| ACCESS AND SAFETY | | | | | |
| Videoconferencing technology improved my ability to participate in jury duty. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Videoconferencing technology saved me time traveling to the courthouse. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participating by videoconference was very convenient for me. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Court made reasonable efforts to remove barriers to my participation in jury duty. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Court cares about my health and safety. |  |  |  |  |  |
| EASE OF USE AND LEARNABILITY | | | | | |
| Joining the proceeding today was simple. |  |  |  |  |  |
| It was easy to learn to use the videoconference system. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I needed assistance to use the videoconference system effectively. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS | | | | | |
| I had a quiet place from which to participate. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I was able to focus on the proceeding without distraction. |  |  |  |  |  |
| COMPREHENSION | | | | | |
| The judge explained the process clearly. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I understood the judge’s questions. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I understood the attorneys’ questions. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I could follow what was happening in the proceeding. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I understood my role in the proceeding. |  |  |  |  |  |
| INTERACTION QUALITY | | | | | |
| I could hear others clearly. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I could see others clearly. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt I was able to express myself effectively. |  |  |  |  |  |
| INTERPERSONAL | | | | | |
| The judge treated me with respect. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1=Strongly Disagree | 2=Disagree | 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree | 4=Agree | 5=Strongly Agree |
| I was treated the same as everyone else who reported for jury service. |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it was my turn to speak, I felt comfortable enough to say what I really thought. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The judge cared about what I had to say. |  |  |  |  |  |
| TRUST AND CONFIDENCE | | | | | |
| This was an acceptable way to select a jury. |  |  |  |  |  |
| If I was a litigant, defendant, or witness in this case, I would trust this selection procedure to produce a fair and impartial jury. |  |  |  |  |  |

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| ACCESS AND SAFETY | | | | | |
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| Videoconferencing technology saved me time traveling to the courthouse. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Participating by videoconference was very convenient for me. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Court made reasonable efforts to remove barriers to my participation in jury duty. |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Court cares about my health and safety. |  |  |  |  |  |
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| I needed assistance to use the videoconference system effectively. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS | | | | | |
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| The judge cared about what I had to say. |  |  |  |  |  |
| TRUST AND CONFIDENCE | | | | | |
| This was an acceptable way to select a jury. |  |  |  |  |  |
| If I was a litigant, defendant, or witness in this case, I would trust this selection procedure to produce a fair and impartial jury. |  |  |  |  |  |

**About You**

Please answer the following questions.

Have you ever been summonsed for jury duty before?

* Yes
* No

If yes,

When was your most recent experience:

* Within the last year
* Two to five years ago
* Six to ten years ago
* Longer than 10 years ago

Indicate what happened during your most recent experience:

* I was summoned, but I did not have to report to the courthouse for jury service
* I reported for jury service, but was not selected as a trial juror or alternate
* I reported for jury service and was selected as a juror or alternate for the case

# Comprehensive Public Opinion About Jury Service During Covid-19

In June 2020, the NCSC contracted GBAO Strategies, a survey research firm, to conduct national public opinion poll to gauge citizen receptiveness to serving as a juror during the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey also included several questions related to public trust and confidence in the courts that have been included in [previous NCSC *State of the State Courts* public opinion polls](https://www.ncsc.org/topics/court-community/public-trust-and-confidence/resource-guide/2019-state-of-state-courts-survey), allowing for comparison of survey responses over time. The survey questions from the June 2020 poll are printed below. Courts may use these questions to conduct polls in their local communities to compare with [findings from the June 2020 national survey](https://nationalcenterforstatecourts.app.box.com/s/n7w8zu89tbayfjr0qz6h7mn6nrg0x6qh/file/680542851103), including tracking changes over time. To ensure comparability, courts should follow the embedded directions with respect to randomization of questions.

Q. Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study of issues related to our nation’s policies and institutions. This is strictly for research purposes and your answers will be completely confidential.

❑ 1 Continue

First, some questions for statistical purposes.

Q.2 Are you…?

❑ 1 Male

❑ 2 Female

❑ 3 Other **(SPECIFY)**

Q.3 In what year were you born? **(MUST ANSWER WITH A 4-DIGIT YEAR)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q.4 In what state do you currently live? \_\_\_\_\_

Q.5 Are you currently registered to vote in **(STATE)?**

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

❑ 3 Don’t know

Q.6 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

❑ 1 1st - 11th grade

❑ 2 High school graduate

❑ 3 Post high school vocational / technical school

❑ 4 Some college, but no degree

❑ 5 Associate’s degree

❑ 6 4-year college graduate / Bachelor’s degree

❑ 7 Post-graduate degree (e.g. Master’s, PhD, Doctorate)

Q.7What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

❑ 1 White or Caucasian

❑ 2 African American or Black

❑ 3 Hispanic or Latino

❑ 4 Native American or Alaska Native

❑ 5 Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander

❑ 6 Other **(SPECIFY)**

Q.8 Are you of Spanish, Latino or Hispanic origin or descent?

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

\*Q.9Do you have any children eighteen years of age or younger living in your home?

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

Below, you will see a list of institutions in American society. Please indicate how much confidence you have in each one.

\_\_\_\_\_1 = A great deal of confidence

\_\_\_\_\_2 = Some confidence

\_\_\_\_\_3 = Not very much confidence

\_\_\_\_\_4 = No confidence at all

**(RANDOMIZE)**

\_\_\_\_ \*10 The United States Supreme Court

\_\_\_\_ \*11 The United States federal court system

\_\_\_\_ \*12 Governor **(FILL IN BY STATE)**

\_\_\_\_ \*13 The **(STATE)** state legislature

\_\_\_\_ \*14 The **(STATE)** court system

\_\_\_\_ \*15 Your local police department

\*Q.16 How would you rate the job being done by courts in **(STATE)**?

❑ 1 Excellent

❑ 2 Good

❑ 3 Just fair

❑ 4 Poor

\*Q.17 Do you think courts in **(STATE)** are providing enough services online?

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

❑ 3 I’m not sure

Q.18 Now you’re going to see a series of questions about your experiences with the coronavirus pandemic.

Which of the following best describes your personal situation with regards to the coronavirus and testing?

❑ 1 I have tested positive for coronavirus

❑ 2 I have tested negative for coronavirus

❑ 3 I have experienced symptoms consistent with coronavirus but have not been tested

❑ 4 I have not experienced symptoms consistent with coronavirus and have not been tested

Q.19 As far as you know, do you or does anyone in your household have an underlying health condition that would make you or them more vulnerable to the coronavirus, or not?

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

❑ 3 Not sure

Q.20 Are you currently the primary caregiver for an aging parent or another elderly family member?

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

❑ 3 Not sure

Q.21 **(IF YES IN KIDS)** Would you currently be able to secure reliable childcare if you had to leave home for 8 hours or more, or would you not need childcare?

❑ 1 Yes, could secure childcare

❑ 2 No, could not secure childcare

❑ 3 Childcare not needed

❑ 4 Unsure

Q.22 What, if any, internet service do you subscribe to at home?

❑ 1 Dial-up internet service

❑ 2 High-speed broadband service (e.g. DSL, cable, fiber)

❑ 3 Something else **(SPECIFY)**

❑ 4 I don’t subscribe to internet service

❑ 5 Don’t know

Q.23 Do you have a cell phone, and is it a smartphone?

❑ 1 Yes, I own a smartphone

❑ 2 Yes, I own a cell phone but not a smartphone

❑ 3 No, I do not own a cell phone

❑ 4 Don’t know

Q.24 **(IF YES IN WIRELESS)** Does your wireless plan include any of the following features? Select all that apply.

❑ 1 Unlimited data

❑ 2 Unlimited minutes

❑ 3 None of the above features

❑ 4 Don’t know

Q.25Over the last three months, how often have you used video conferencing services such as Zoom, WebEx, Skype, or Google Hangouts?

❑ 1 Use them on a regular basis

❑ 2 Use them occasionally

❑ 3 Only used them once or twice

❑ 4 Never used them

Q.26And regardless of how often you’ve used these services over the last few months, how comfortable do you feel using video conferencing services for meetings or appointments typically held in person?

❑ 1 Very comfortable

❑ 2 Somewhat comfortable

❑ 3 A little comfortable

❑ 4 Not at all comfortable

Regardless of current restrictions in your area, please indicate how comfortable you would personally feel right now doing each of the following on a scale of 0-10, where 10 means extremely comfortable and 0 means extremely uncomfortable.

**(PROVIDE SCALE 0 TO 10 SCALE WITH DON’T KNOW CHECK BOX)**

\_\_\_\_ 27 Visiting with a close friend or family member at their home

\_\_\_\_ 28 Eating out in a restaurant

\_\_\_\_ 29 Going out to the grocery store

\_\_\_\_ 30 Going to a polling place to vote

\_\_\_\_ 31 Going to a government office or public building

\_\_\_\_ 32 **(SPLIT SAMPLE A)** Reporting to your local courthouse for jury duty

\_\_\_\_ 33 **(SPLIT SAMPLE B)** Reporting to your local courthouse for jury duty if you received a summons requiring you to appear

\_\_\_\_ 34 Serving on a jury if selected

Q.35If you received a summons to appear for jury duty in the next three months, would you definitely appear for jury duty, probably appear, probably not appear, or definitely not appear for jury duty?

❑ 1 Definitely appear

❑ 2 Probably appear

❑ 3 Probably not appear

❑ 4 Definitely not appear

❑ 5 Don't know

**(READ IN ORDER)**

\_\_\_\_ \*36 Have you previously appeared for jury duty?

\_\_\_\_ \*37 **(IF YES IN Q37)** Have you been picked to serve on a jury?

\_\_\_\_ 38 Have you gone to your local courthouse for any reason in the last 5 years?

\_\_\_\_ 39 Do you currently have any business pending with the state or local courts

Traditionally, anyone with business before the courts would have to go to the courthouse to conduct any business with the courts, or maybe use the postal service. But new technology has made it possible to perform many tasks online via video conferencing.

Next, you will see a list of services that could be performed remotely via video conference. If you had business with the courts and this service was available online via video conference, I would like to know if you would definitely use it, probably use it, probably not use it, or definitely not use it.

\_\_\_\_\_1 = Definitely use

\_\_\_\_\_2 = Probably use

\_\_\_\_\_3 = Probably not use

\_\_\_\_\_4 = Definitely not use

\_\_\_\_\_5 = (Don't know/refused)

**(RANDOMIZE)**

\_\_\_\_ 40 Appear remotely for a case you had before the court

\_\_\_\_ 41 Report for jury duty and undergo screening for jury selection

\_\_\_\_ 42 Serve as a member of a jury in a trial conducted remotely

Q.43As you may know, the right to trial by an impartial jury selected from a pool that reflects a fair cross section of the community is guaranteed in the United States Constitution and all 50 state constitutions. However, the need to observe social distancing and other public health and safety recommendations during the coronavirus pandemic has prompted state and local courts to consider a variety of technology solutions to allow jury trials and grand jury proceedings to continue.

If you were called to serve on a jury in the next few months, would you be more comfortable reporting to your local courthouse in person, more comfortable reporting for jury duty remotely from your home, or would it not make a difference to you?

❑ 1 More comfortable reporting in person

❑ 2 No difference

❑ 3 More comfortable reporting remotely

Q.44If you were asked to serve remotely on a jury, do you have the availability to isolate yourself in a quiet place in your home where you could focus on the proceedings of the case for up to 8 hours without being interrupted?

❑ 1 Yes

❑ 2 No

Q.45If you were required to serve remotely on a jury, what device would you use to participate in the jury from home? Select all devices you might use. **[ALLOW MULTIPLE REPONSES]**

❑ 1 Desktop computer

❑ 2 Laptop computer

❑ 3 Tablet computer, like an iPad or Surface Pro

❑ 4 Smartphone

❑ 5 Other **(SPECIFY)**

Q.46If, on the other hand, you were required to report in person to your local courthouse for jury duty, which of the following best captures the rules you would like to see in place regarding the wearing of masks to reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus?

❑ 1 All individuals entering the courthouse should be required to wear masks

❑ 2 Masks should be encouraged but not required for all individuals entering the courthouse

❑ 3 There should be no rules regarding masks in the courthouse

❑ 4 I’m not sure

Q.47If you were party in a case before your state or local courts, how concerned would you be about receiving a fair and impartial trial if the trial was conducted online rather than in person?

❑ 1 Very concerned

❑ 2 Somewhat concerned

❑ 3 A little concerned

❑ 4 Not at all concerned

❑ 5 (Don't know/refused)

Now you’re going to see some measures that would be taken bythe **(STATE)** court system to protect all individuals visiting your local courthouse. For each, please indicate whether the implementation of this protective measure would make you much more comfortable, somewhat more comfortable, a little more comfortable, or no more comfortable reporting to your local courthouse for jury duty if you received a summons.

\_\_\_\_\_1 = Much more comfortable

\_\_\_\_\_2 = Somewhat more comfortable

\_\_\_\_\_3 = A little more comfortable

\_\_\_\_\_4 = No more comfortable

\_\_\_\_ 48 Safe social distancing will be strictly enforced in all areas of the courthouse

\_\_\_\_ 49 Masks will be worn by all individuals you come in contact with throughout your time in the courthouse

\_\_\_\_ 50 The temperatures of all prospective jurors will be checked upon arrival at the courthouse, and anyone with a fever will be sent home immediately

\_\_\_\_ 51 All prospective jurors will be provided with masks to be worn throughout their time in the courthouse

\_\_\_\_ 52 All prospective jurors will be tested for coronavirus, and anyone testing positive for an active infection will be dismissed immediately

\_\_\_\_ 53 Prospective jurors will be provided a large space in the courthouse reserved just for them where they can safely socially distance while waiting, eating meals, or taking breaks

\_\_\_\_ 54 Access to the courthouse will be restricted to essential court employees and prospective jurors

Q.55Now, we would like to ask again, after hearing all of this information – If you received a summons to appear for jury duty in the next three months, would you definitely appear for jury duty, probably appear, probably not appear, or definitely not appear for jury duty?

❑ 1 Definitely appear

❑ 2 Probably appear

❑ 3 Probably not appear

❑ 4 Definitely not appear

❑ 5 Don't know

Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q.56 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a… **(ROTATE DEM AND REP)**

❑ 1 Democrat

❑ 2 Independent

❑ 3 Republican

❑ 4 Other **(SPECIFY)**

Q.57 **(ASK IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN IN PTYID1)** Would you call yourself a strong **(ANSWER FROM PTYID1)** or a not very strong **(ANSWER FROM PTYID1)**?

❑ 1 Strong

❑ 2 Not strong

Q.58 **(SKIP IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN IN PTYID1)** Do you think of yourself as closer to **(ROTATE)** the Democratic Party or Republican Party? **(ALSO ROTATE PUNCHES)**

❑ 1 Closer to the Democratic Party

❑ 2 Closer to the Republican Party

❑ 3 Neither/Independent

Q.59 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are **(ROTATE LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE, LEAVE MODERATE IN MIDDLE)** liberal, moderate, or conservative?

❑ 1 Liberal

❑ 2 Moderate

❑ 3 Conservative

❑ 4 Other **(SPECIFY) (ANCHOR)**

Q.60Last year, that is in 2019, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

❑ 1 Less than $20,000

❑ 2 $20,000 to under $30,000

❑ 3 $30,000 to under $50,000

❑ 4 $50,000 to under $75,000

❑ 5 $75,000 to under $100,000

❑ 6 $100,000 or more

❑ 7 Prefer not to answer

# Simplified Public Opinion About Jury Service During Covid-19

The NCSC Center for Jury Studies developed a shorter survey to gauge public opinion about jury service during COVID-19, including whether prospective jurors may be able to participate remotely. These questions should be posed to individuals who are eligible for jury service in the jurisdiction (e.g., based on citizenship status, residency, age, English fluency, criminal background). A professional survey research firm may be best suited to undertake this type of survey.

**Concerns about Coronavirus/COVID-19**

On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please indicate your agreement with the following statements.

* I am concerned about contracting covid-19.
* I am at high risk from covid-19 due to age (65 or older).
* I am at high risk from covid-19 due to underlying health conditions.
* I am concerned about a member of my household contracting covid-19.
* I have lost job-related income due to covid-19.

**Confidence in court efforts to protect public health**

On a scale of 1 (not at all important) to 5 (extremely important), how important is it to you that the court protect public health and safety by taking each of the following actions?

* Implement health screenings at courthouse entrances.
* Enforce social distancing within the courthouse.
* Require the use of facemasks, gloves, and other PPE.
* Provide hand sanitizer in public areas.
* Frequently clean public areas with disinfectant.
* Permit people to conduct court business online or by telephone or videoconference.
* Permit prospective jurors to appear by telephone or videoconference for jury selection.

**Willingness to appear for jury service**

I have previously served as a trial or grand juror: Y/N

If summonsed for jury service, I would … (check all that apply)

* Request to be excused for medical hardship related to COVID-19.
* Request to be excused for medical hardship (not COVID-19).
* Request to be excused for financial hardship related to COVID-19.
* Request to be deferred due to preexisting commitment.
* Request to be deferred until after COVID-19 has abated.
* Appear in person as directed on the jury summons.
* Appear remotely as directed by the court.

**Ability to participate remotely**

The Court is exploring the feasibility of using communication technologies to allow jurors to serve remotely. Please indicate whether you have internet access and technology capability to serve remotely.

* I have internet access at home or work. Y/N
* I have videoconferencing capability at home or work. Y/N
* I have internet access through a smartphone or other mobile device. Y/N
* I have videoconference capability through a smartphone or other mobile device. Y/N
* My cellphone contract provides unlimited minutes. Y/N
* My internet data plan provides unlimited data. Y/N
* I regularly use videoconferencing technologies at home or work. Y/N
* I have access to a private place in my home or office where I can use the internet without interruption. Y/N