

**Madison County Court of Common Pleas
P.O. Box 527
London, OH 43140
Eamon P. Costello, Judge
(740) 845-1780**

March 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Coronavirus

Dear Juror:

You have been selected as a juror during the Spring Session, that is, for the months of April, May and June, 2020.

At the time of this writing there is a Federal and State National Health Emergency which has been declared. The Court is mindful of these emergencies and intends to do everything within the Court's power to reduce the need for jurors to participate in jury trials. Unfortunately, the health care emergencies have not suspended constitutional rights to have criminal matters tried by juries nor have they suspended rights to speedy trials. Therefore, the Court is constitutionally mandated to provide these rights to criminal defendants.

In the event that you are required to come in as a prospective juror, the Court is making every effort feasible to assure your and other prospective jurors' safety. This will include sanitizing the courtroom and locations where jurors may be during a trial, making adjustments to jury seating to allow greater distances between jurors and making hand sanitizer available to everyone in the courtroom.

The Court greatly appreciates your understanding in these difficult times. The Court is mindful that the situation remains fluid and adjustments to this policy could take place at any time. To that end, the Court will place this notification on the Madison County website (www.co.madison.oh.us). Any modifications that occur as a result of top-down directives will immediately be posted on the Madison County website and we will additionally notify you with a hard copy through the mail. Again, I would like to emphasize that the Court will do everything within its power short of violating defendants' constitutional rights to avoid the necessity for jury trials.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



Eamon Costello
Madison County Common Pleas Court