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Dear Prospective Juror:

Your name has been selected for jury service. This service is one of the most important civic duties that you can perform. I know that many people are concerned about the COVID-19 situation and how that may affect public proceedings such as a jury trial. I am writing to explain the steps your County Commissioners, County Clerk, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, and I have taken to make your jury service as safe as possible:

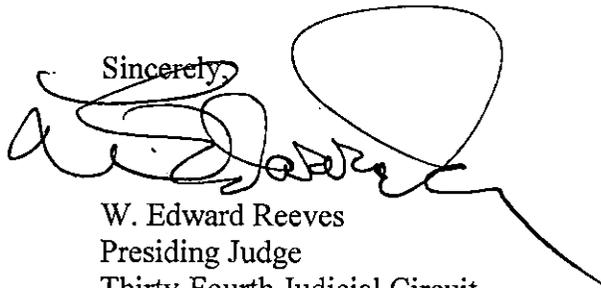
1. Before you report, and daily, throughout the completion of the trial, the courtroom, and contents will be sanitized.
2. Every person, before entering the Courthouse, will have their temperature taken by a no-touch, infrared thermometer. If their temperature is over 100.4 degrees, they will not be allowed to enter, and will be sent home.
3. Surgical masks will be provided for your use, if you desire. All Court staff will be required to wear masks.
4. Latex gloves will be available for your added protection during the trial, such as when you handle exhibits.
5. An additional courtroom in your Courthouse will be used as the jury room, allowing jurors a large space for recesses and deliberation.
6. Hand sanitizers will be available.
7. During all breaks, you will be allowed to exit and enter the courtroom or Courthouse as a group, to avoid inadvertent exposure to others in the courtroom.

Should any of the following pertain to you, it is important that you promptly contact the Circuit Clerk's office at 573-333-0182 to discuss your service:

- You are over 75 and do not desire to serve;
- You have traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- You reside with, or have had close contact with, someone who has traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- You have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency;
- You have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- You work in the health care field with COVID-19 related responsibilities;
- You have unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath;
- You believe your health is at risk in serving on this jury.

Thank you for your time and potential service. Rest assured, we will do everything reasonably possible to protect your health and safety while you exercise your constitutional obligation to provide the parties a fair and just trial.

Sincerely,



W. Edward Reeves
Presiding Judge
Thirty-Fourth Judicial Circuit