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Bexar County Jury Summonses Ready to Resume Again

Starting this month, Bexar County residents will receive jury summonses once again. However, in order to make all efforts to keep the community safe from COVID-19, and to abide by the social distancing guidelines set forth by the Texas Supreme Court, Bexar County residents will not be required to appear in person. However, all persons who are summoned must respond online and appear by video conference.

Approximately 200 jury summonses are scheduled to be mailed to residents beginning Friday, July 24, 2020. Bexar County residents must reply no later than Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The Official Jury Summon instructs potential jurors to visit www.bexar.org and answer a simple questionnaire. Those questionnaires will assist in determining who sits on the virtual jury panel.

For convenience, all jury summonses include a phone number you may call for assistance. The jury summons questionnaire includes helpful information, including video conference or "Zoom" instructions, as well as a Zoom Meeting ID (identification) number which allows all jurors to appear for jury duty and to serve safely.

"As a first for Bexar County, these virtual juror summonses are essential to keep the wheels of Justice turning with the help of our community, which is needed now more than ever," stated Judge Antonia "Toni" Arteaga.

Potential jurors will be able to sit in the comfort of their homes while also sitting on a jury panel with the user-friendly video conferencing software called Zoom. For those jurors who do not have Wi-Fi or an electronic device, BiblioTech, the county's online digital library, will supply hot spots and wireless devices for those who need one while they serve.

As usual, there are exemptions from jury service. For example, you may be exempt if you are a full-time student or if you are 70 years of age or older. The complete listing can be found at: <https://www.bexar.org/364/JuryServices>. Once you complete your online survey, an opportunity to claim an exemption of service approved by a judge will be available before jury selection begins.

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