

May 20, 2021


Dear Members of the Bar, Courthouse Stakeholders, and Members of the Community,


The Travis County Civil Courts, in conjunction with the District Clerk, are excited to announce a pilot project for in-person jury trials beginning July 2021. It is a scientific triumph that the vaccines have significantly curbed the COVID-19 pandemic and allows us to safely conduct these in-person proceedings. Now we must do our best to determine the best procedures and protocols to employ as we prepare for this transitional time.

We are committed to summoning a diverse jury of our peers that ensures representation from all aspects of our community. During the pilot period, we will continue to enforce social distancing and masking during jury trials at the Heman Marion Sweatt Civil and Family Courthouse. We will exercise our discretion to determine which cases currently set for the July 2021 jury dockets will be scheduled for in-person trials. Meanwhile, our capable judges and staff will continue our innovative virtual trials to meet the demands of our dockets during this time.

We look forward to seeing some of you in person soon. Of course, we will continue to follow the science and direction from our public health officials on how to best proceed in the future. Further updates will be provided as appropriate. We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we welcome your input. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, comments, or concerns about these plans.

Yours Truly,


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