



Jury Service

(Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ)

Do I need to be fully vaccinated (have received 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine) to attend for jury service?

Yes. Your vaccination requirement may vary between court locations and is dependent on other factors such as number of COVID cases in the area.

Do I need to provide proof of my vaccination/s?

Yes. Please bring this with you when attending jury service. You can access your vaccination records through Medicare. Your vaccination records will be sighted only. You will not be asked to provide a copy of your records.

Do I need to wear a mask?

Yes. The wearing of masks is mandatory in all court premises unless you meet the requirements for an exemption under the Public Health Order and can provide evidence to support this.

What has been put in place to ensure my safety?

The Office of the Sheriff has worked with NSW Health to implement measures to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19. This includes compliance with the 4m² rule, physical distancing, use of hand sanitiser, additional cleaning, individually packed meals and screening of all persons entering court premises.

What is Rapid Antigen Screening (RAS)?

RAS is quick and easy. It involves a nasal swab using a small cotton bud-like instrument that is placed into a chemical solution. RAS displays a result within approximately 15 minutes.

RAS differs from the PCR test, which involves taking a deep nasal sample and throat sample and is tested in a laboratory.

Rapid antigen screening is a tool to help detect COVID-19 in people without any symptoms.

Will I be required to undergo Rapid Antigen Screening (RAS)?

Yes. All persons attending jury service will be required to undergo RAS prior to entering a court premises in Greater Sydney, Dubbo, Gosford, Newcastle, Wollongong and other regional court locations as deemed necessary.

Will Rapid Antigen Screening (RAS) be conducted at all NSW Court locations?

No. Rapid Antigen Screening (RAS) will be conducted at all Greater Sydney, Dubbo, Gosford, Newcastle and Wollongong courts. Screening may also be conducted at other Regional NSW

court locations following a risk assessment of the prevalence of COVID-19 in the area.

I have had a past confirmed infection of COVID-19 in the last 6 months. What do I need to do?

You need to bring with you your signed and completed COVID-19 vaccine medical contraindication form or your medical clearance notice. These will be sighted by our staff.

You will not be required to undergo Rapid Antigen Screening. This will apply for up to six (6) months from the date of the medical clearance notice.

Which courts are currently in Greater Sydney?

Greater Sydney Court locations include: Downing Centre Court Complex, Darlinghurst, King Street, Central, Parramatta, Penrith, Katoomba, Campbelltown, Gosford and Wollongong.

What can I expect on the day I attend jury service?

On the day of your summons, you will arrive at the court complex and be directed to an area specifically set aside for juror processing. You will be asked some screening questions by one of our staff members to confirm your availability to serve. You will then be asked to provide evidence of your vaccination status and will be asked to undergo and Rapid Antigen Screening (RAS) test.

You will then be required to engage in an induction to prepare you for jury service if selected.

Do I get paid for jury service?

For detailed information on juror payments, please refer to: <https://www.courts.nsw.gov.au/courts-and-tribunals/for-jurors/for-individuals/-payment-for-jury-service.html>

What do I do if I have received a NSW Health notification that I have attended a COVID hotspot or need to self-isolate?

If you cannot attend jury service on the date of your summons because you are required to undertake COVID testing or self-isolate, you must contact **1300 722 574** as soon as possible to notify the Office of the Sheriff and receive further instructions. You may be required to provide evidence of this. Under no circumstances should you attend the court.

What if I have received a summons and my LGA has gone into lockdown?

You must check the juror website www.juror.nsw.gov.au or call **1300 780 199** after 4:30 pm on the day prior to your required date for further instructions. This also includes weekends.