

HAMILTON COUNTY SUSPENDS JURY TRIALS UNTIL MARCH 8, 2021

January 19, 2021

As of last week, new public health data led the Ohio Department of Health to designate Hamilton County as being a “Purple” Alert Level 4 Public Emergency County as defined by the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. The [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#) is designed to provide local health departments, community leaders, and the public with information on the severity of the COVID-19 spread in each Ohio county. Residents of Purple Alert Level 4 counties are advised to only leave home for supplies and services.

In light of these developments in local conditions, and in consultation with criminal justice stakeholders, the Courts will suspend jury trials (petit jury service) until at least March 8, 2021 to facilitate the recommended public health emergency guidelines. Grand jury proceedings will continue. The Courts are monitoring this fluid situation and will resume jury trials when conditions improve in Hamilton County.

If you have been summoned for jury duty, please review your summons. Below the bar code, your summons will indicate “grand” or “petit.” If your summons indicates, petit, please follow the instructions carefully before reporting in-person. Please visit our website at www.hamiltoncountycourts.org/juryduty or call the Juror Hotline at 513-946-5879 for further instructions. The recording starts immediately.

Judge Jody M. Luebbers Presiding and Administrative Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Heather S. Russell Presiding and Administrative Judge, Hamilton County Municipal Court