

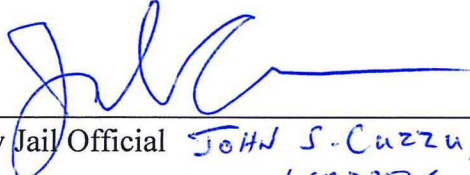
COVID-19 Protocols for Inmate In-Court Appearances

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the New Jersey Judiciary has implemented various policies based on public health recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH). The New Jersey Judiciary and county correctional facilities and sheriff's offices are working together to prevent and remediate COVID-19 risks in courthouses and court facilities. It is strongly recommended and preferred that virtual proceedings be used as much as possible to minimize the number of inmates transported to the courts in order to protect the health of inmates, jail officers, judges, court employees, and others.

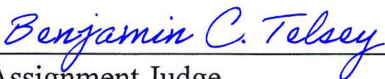
This document confirms the COVID-19 protocols for in-court appearances involving county jail inmates.

1. Inmates required to appear for an in-court proceeding will be tested for COVID-19 by the county corrections or county sheriff's offices prior to transport.
 - a. An inmate who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be produced for an in-court appearance. The Judiciary will make appropriate adjustments, including but not limited to rescheduling the in-court appearance or conducting a virtual proceeding.
 - b. An inmate who tests negative for COVID-19 will only be tested again by the county corrections facility after the scheduled in-court event if the inmate exhibits symptoms. If the inmate develops symptoms or tests positive within 48 hours of the in-court event, the county corrections facility will notify the Judiciary.
 - c. An inmate who is appearing for a prolonged court event (e.g., ongoing trial) will be tested periodically by the county jail, and the county corrections facility will notify the Judiciary of any positive COVID-19 test.
2. County corrections officers and sheriff's officers will be tested according to NJ DOH guidelines if anyone exhibits symptoms of Covid-19. The appropriate authority will notify the Judiciary if any officer develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19 within 48 hours of presence in a court facility.
3. Judges and Judiciary employees who develop symptoms of COVID-19 without other explanation (e.g., allergies) within 48 hours of the court event will be tested for COVID-19. The Judiciary will notify the county jail if the Superior or Municipal Court judge or Judiciary employee tests positive for COVID-19 and was in close contact with an inmate or county jail officer.
4. Superior and Municipal Court Judges, court employees, county jail officers, and inmates will comply with all health and safety precautions in court facilities, including the Supreme Court's June 9, 2020 Order requiring face masks and social distancing.

Optional: County-specific protocols may be attached to this document if applicable.


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