

PLEASE READ YOUR SUMMONS CAREFULLY AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS REQUESTED. PLEASE NOTE ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE ANY CONCERNS OR REQUESTS YOU HAVE AND RETURN THEM IN THE SELF FORMING ENVELOPE. WE RECEIVE A VERY HIGH VOLUME OF SUMMONSES EACH MONTH AND PROCESSING EACH ONE OF THEM TAKES CONSIDERABLE TIME. YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL US AT courtservices@lackawannacounty.org.

OUR STAFF THANKS YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING YOUR JURY SUMMONS

Q: I DO NOT (OR NO LONGER) LIVE IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY

A: IF YOU DO NOT LIVE IN THIS COUNTY YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE

Q: I AM NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND/OR DO NOT SPEAK, READ OR WRITE ENGLISH WELL

A: THIS IS A LEGITIMATE REASON TO BE EXCUSED UPON REVIEW

Q: I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES

A: MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE EXCUSED

Q: IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY AND SERVED (OR COULD HAVE SERVED) ONE (1) YEAR OR MORE IN JAIL

A: YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE

Q: I HAVE SERVED ON JURY DUTY BEFORE

A: IF YOU HAVE SERVED WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS FROM THIS DATE AND KNOW THE DATE PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION. YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR DESIRE TO BE EXCUSED OR TO SERVE

Q: JUROR SELECTED IS A FULL TIME HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT

A: FULL TIME STUDENT STATUS IS A LEGITIMATE REASON TO BE EXCUSED.

Q: I AM A STAY AT HOME MOM OR A FULL TIME CAREGIVER FOR ILL/HANDICAPPED CHILD OR ADULT

A: UNDERTAKING THESE DUTIES MAY BE EXCUSABLE UPON REVIEW FOR THE DATE YOU WERE SUMMONED

Q: I AM A PHYSICIAN, ATTORNEY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE

A: THESE ARE NOT LEGITIMATE REASONS TO BE EXCUSED

Q: I AM A TEACHER/PROFESSOR

A: WE CAN POSTPONE YOUR SERVICE TO THE SUMMER MONTHS

Q: I AM NOT SUITABLE FOR JURY DUTY OR I JUST DO NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF THE PROCESS

A: THESE ARE NOT REASONS TO BE EXCUSED; IT IS YOUR CIVIC DUTY

Q: I AM ELDERLY AND DO NOT FEEL I CAN PERFORM THIS SERVICE OR I HAVE A PHYSICAL/MENTAL INFIRMITY THAT WOULD CAUSE UNDUE HARDSHIP OR EXTREME INCONVENIENCE

A: THESE ARE REASONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EXCUSAL. YOU NEED TO CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR A FORMAL EXCUSE THAT CAN BE FAXED TO US AT 963-6477 OR MAIL IT WITH YOUR COMPLETED SUMMONS

Q: I HAVE A PRE-PAID VACATION PLANS FOR THIS DATE OR I HAVE A WORK/BUSINESS MEETING OUT OF TOWN ON THIS DATE

A: UPON REVIEW, DUE TO THESE REQUESTS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO POSTPONE YOU TO ANOTHER DATE

Q: I DO NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION

A: THIS IS NOT A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE BUT WILL BE REVIEWED