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Judiciary Completes Rollout of Interactive Juror Summons Process with New System in Essex County

Prospective jurors in Essex County can respond to jury duty summonses online and interact with the court in real time beginning today, completing the New Jersey Judiciary's yearlong statewide rollout of a new summons system.

The new system, which was introduced in Atlantic County in January 2019, features a portal that allows prospective jurors to ask questions or request deferrals or postponements online for quicker responses. The portal also enhances email and text message communications between jurors and the jury management office.

Also as part of the changes, [a single postcard](#) replaces the letter-sized paper summons mailed to prospective jurors advising them of the date and location of jury duty and providing instructions to complete an online qualification questionnaire.

Prospective jurors who do not complete online qualification within three weeks will receive a letter-sized questionnaire to be completed and mailed back to the local jury management office.

"This new jury system provides enhanced ways for individuals called to jury service to interact with our court system," said Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts.

Counties implemented the new system on the following dates:

- Atlantic Jan. 18, 2019
- Mercer July 30, 2019
- Cape May Aug. 22, 2019
- Burlington Aug. 29, 2019
- Hunterdon, Somerset, Salem Sept. 19, 2019
- Camden, Cumberland, Ocean, Warren Oct. 3, 2019

- Gloucester, Morris, Union Nov. 7, 2019
- Bergen, Passaic Dec. 5, 2019
- Sussex Jan. 15, 2020
- Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth Jan. 16, 2020
- Essex Feb. 6, 2020

Frequently asked questions about jury service in New Jersey can be found at njcourts.gov.

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