

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY FOR JURORS

In the event of inclement weather, a message regarding the Clerk's Office's status as open or closed in the New Haven, Bridgeport, and/or Hartford locations will be posted on the Court's website at http://www.ctd.uscourts.gov/. Prospective jurors summoned for federal jury service are directed to this web address for reporting instructions.

When possible, prospective jurors will be notified the day before they are scheduled to report for jury selection of any cancellations or delays. If there has been no communication from the Clerk's Office before prospective jurors leave home in the morning, they are strongly encouraged to check the Court's website for any possible last minute instructions. For jury selections scheduled early in the morning, prospective jurors are to follow the same reporting instructions as for Clerk's Office employees. If the Clerk's Office opens late and employees are instructed to report to work at a delayed time, prospective jurors scheduled to report for an early morning jury selection must also report for jury service at that same time. Likewise, if the Clerk's Office is closed due to inclement weather, all jury selections scheduled to be held that day will be cancelled.

For impanelled jurors already selected to serve on a trial, a representative of the presiding judge's chambers will contact jurors and provide specific reporting instructions. For this reason, those jurors are asked to provide a telephone number where they may be reached during the duration of the trial. If there has been no communication from the judge's chambers, jurors are strongly encouraged to call the toll free AJIS telephone number for updated reporting instructions.

Grand jurors impanelled to serve on a grand jury will receive an automated telephone call from AJIS with a pre-recorded message that will provide any updated reporting instructions. If there are updated reporting instructions due to the weather, the automated calls will be made the night before or as early as possible on the morning jurors are scheduled to report for service. Jurors may also call the toll free AJIS telephone number at any time for updated reporting instructions.