

**** High Priority ****

Good evening, TJC Judges and Court Clerks:

On behalf of Chief Justice Jeff Bivins, I am so pleased to tell you that the suspension of jury trials will expire on April 1, 2021, so you can resume jury trials beginning on that date (this is NOT an early April Fools' joke). The decision about precisely when to resume jury trials beginning April 1 is discretionary. You do not have to do so then if preparations will take longer and/or you are unable to meet COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

Regardless of the type of court appearance, you must continue to operate pursuant to your approved judicial district plan when the current in-person restrictions lift on March 15 per the TSC's February 12 COVID-19 Order. Please review your plan here: <https://www.tncourts.gov/node/6042449>. Presiding judges, please contact me individually if you need to revisit your approved plan and potentially seek approval for amendments or updates to your plan.

Finally, the face covering mandate remains in place and impacts everyone who, for the purpose of conducting court-related business, enters a courthouse or other building in which court facilities are located. Even fully vaccinated individuals against COVID-19 must still adhere to the mandate.

Have a wonderful weekend!