

Eighth Judicial District Court COVID-19 Jury Trial Plan June 3, 2021

The Eighth Judicial District Court (EJDC) is committed to safely resuming jury trials in Clark County in order to fulfill the court's responsibility of providing fair and timely administration of justice. During the COVID-19 pandemic, jurors must be given reasonable assurance of their safety before participating in the jury process. As such, the EJDC has worked closely with several entities, including Clark County, University Medical Center (UMC), the State of Nevada's Division of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), to develop and implement a comprehensive plan that will allow the court to resume its in-person jury operation. This plan is designed to instruct judges and court staff on how to conduct an in-person jury trial in a manner that minimizes risks to all participants by taking every reasonable precaution that has been recommended by our community health care partners.

A. Pretrial Juror Communication

The Jury Commissioner will include a notice on the jury summons advising all prospective jurors of the COVID-19 safety protocols contained in this plan (Exhibit 1). Prospective jurors who are experiencing symptoms, feeling sick, or have been exposed to COVID-19 will be advised to NOT report for jury duty. Prospective jurors who are considered high risk, such as persons 65 years of age or older or persons with underlying medical conditions which place the person at risk will be eligible for a deferral.

The information contained in this directive will be posted on the District Court's website and social media accounts and will be sent to the State and County bar associations and media outlets by the Court Information Officer.

B. Face Coverings

All jurors, witnesses, and trial participants not fully vaccinated entering the courthouse will be required to wear a face covering at all times while in the building except when eating or drinking during breaks. Personal cloth face coverings and surgical masks will be allowed. If an

individual does not have a face covering upon entry the marshals will provide one at no cost. Face coverings must fully cover the nose and the mouth and may not have vents. Additionally, while face shields are permissible, they must be worn in conjunction with a face covering.

Face coverings remain required at all times regardless of vaccination status in courtrooms, jury assembly and other designated face covering required areas. Those who are fully vaccinated are still encouraged to wear face coverings while in other areas of court facilities.

C. Juror Questionnaires

In addition to the biographical and qualification questionnaires that are already being administered to prospective jurors, a new standard supplemental questionnaire will be added (Exhibit 2). The supplemental questionnaire will seek information to help shorten the jury selection process by allowing the court and counsel to pre-screen prospective jurors for issues related to undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, and overall fitness to serve.

The supplemental questionnaire will include COVID-19 questions that will allow prospective jurors to reflect on whether they believe they can safely serve as a juror. The jury summons will include a due date and instructions for the prospective juror to complete the questionnaires online. Non-responsive prospective jurors may receive a reminder notice requesting compliance.

D. Jury Selection

Voir dire will be conducted in the courtroom effective June 14, 2021. It is recommended that jury seating allow the maximum amount of space between jurors.

E. HVAC Augmentation

Consistent with the recommendations from our health care partners (Exhibit 3), the court will work with Clark County Real Property Management to enhance the air quality and air disinfection within the courthouse. This will include, increasing airflow/air exchanges, introducing 30% humidity (if necessary), upgrading air filters to no less than MERV 13 rating, and installing a Synexis Dry Hydrogen System¹ in the jury room and courtrooms when available.

F. Environmental Cleaning

Consistent with the recommendations from our health care partners (Exhibit 3), the court will work with Clark County Real Property Management to enhance the environmental sanitation in the Regional Justice Center. This will include, the use of disinfectant cleaner with lower dwell times (1 minute), increasing porter services throughout the day to continuously disinfect high

¹ The <u>Synexis DHP</u> technology continuously uses dry hydrogen peroxide (DHP) to reduce levels of harmful bacteria and viruses, along with fungi, and mold in occupied spaces.

touch surfaces i.e. (elevator buttons, escalator handrails, restroom spaces, etc.), and providing individual antibacterial cleaning wipes for all trial participants to wipe high touch areas during breaks to increase frequency and surface cleaning.

G. Infection Control

Consistent with the recommendations from our health care partners (Exhibit 3), the court will work with Clark County Real Property Management to enhance Regional Justice Center's infection controls. This will include, replacing cloth chairs with cleanable material (where possible), adding hand sanitizer stations at all entrances with >60% alcohol, and additional signage to encourage hand washing and symptoms review.

H. Courtroom Protocol

The judge is responsible for ensuring that all health and safety protocols described in this COVID-19 Jury Trial Plan are followed.

To make the best use of available court space, trials should run full days. Court administration will work with the assigned trial judge to ensure that the judge's other calendars are covered.

Seated jurors will be provided the option to have a clear face shield to wear in addition to their masks for added protection. Jurors will be provided a sanitized departmental juror badge. Jurors will also receive a new, unused notepad, and a new, unused pen. The jurors will leave the pen, pad, and juror badge at their seats each evening. When the trial is over, the juror may keep the pen and notepad, after removing any notes or the pens and notepads will be disposed.

I. <u>In Court Identification</u>

Face covering may not be removed for the purposes of identification. Attorneys may use photographs, video, or any other appropriate means if identification of a person wearing a mask is insufficient.

J. Trial Exhibits

Electronic submission of exhibits remains preferred. If paper or physical evidence is determined to be necessary, disposable gloves must be used by all trial participants handling the exhibits.

K. Jury Deliberation and Meals

Jury deliberation rooms in the courthouse may only be used if they can allow comfortable space between jurors. If the deliberation room is too small, jury deliberations may be conducted in the courtroom or an adjacent courtroom where jurors can be comfortably distanced.

L. Juror Checks

During this time jurors will be unable to collect checks at the completion of their juror services. Check will be mailed.

M. Public Access

The public must be provided access to view open court proceedings. As such, District Court IT will provide live streaming access to any open public trial proceeding that is unable to accommodate public seating. At any time during trial, the judge may order live streaming to be turned to "audio only" should it be deemed necessary for the safety and security of a witness.

N. Infection/Exposure Event Protocol

The EJDC and UMC have entered into a COVID-19 Testing Services Agreement (Exhibit 4). This agreement will provide onsite COVID-19 rapid testing to all trial participants, including jurors, attorneys, and court personnel, who are developing symptoms during a trial or to those who report a potential exposure.

Upon a trial participant notifying the court of symptoms or exposure, the judge will instruct the marshal to escort the individual to the Point of Contact (POC) Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing site located on the 3rd floor of the courthouse. The marshal will contact UMC and request for a UMC qualified healthcare provider to be dispatched to the courthouse to administer the test. All individuals undergoing a test will be asked to sign an Informed Consent and an Authorization for Release form prior to being tested. The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test which will be given priority level testing by UMC's laboratory to ensure an expedited return.

If the PCR test returns as negative, the health care provider will evaluate the individual and provide the court with a recommendation on whether to resume or suspend the trial. If the individual tests positive, the trial will be immediately suspended by the judge.

For any positive test result, the court will contact the SNHD Office of Public Health Preparedness who will assign the matter to the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance for an expedited investigation. The marshal or court staff will need to prepare a contact tracing list of all individuals in the courtroom and provide the completed list to SNHD via email to Adelman@SNHD.com.

The disease investigator assigned to the matter will determine the size, scope, and scale of the exposure, perform contact tracing, and make recommendations to the court regarding a timeline for the trial's safe resumption in accordance with CDC guidelines.

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If the trial involves an in-custody defendant, the marshal will notify detention services personnel of the infection/exposure.

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Dated this 3rd day of June, 2021

Linda Marie Bell, Chief Judge

Date

Eighth Juffleie CD 15 19 072 Court Linda Marie Bell District Court Judge

Steven D. Grierson, Court Executive Officer

6/4/2021 Date

Eighth Judicial District Court



JURY SUMMONS

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK
& LAS VEGAS JUSTICE COURT

(702)455-4472

YOUR NAME HAS BEEN SELECTED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY NEVADA LAW, AND YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AS A PROSPECTIVE TRIAL JUROR. TRIAL BY JURY IS A RIGHT GUARANTEED BY THE UNITED STATES AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS, AND IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY CITIZEN TO SERVE WHEN CALLED.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA SEND GREETINGS

To:

Reporting Date:

Badge No.

Name:

JUROR

Reporting Date:

Badge No.
Juror ID No.

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED UNDER NEVADA LAW IMPORTANT NOTICE

COVID-19 NOTICE

Our most important goal is your safety. If you do not feel well or believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 please postpone your jury service by calling 702-455-4472. Unless otherwise stated at the time of entry, all nonvaccinated prospective jurors must wear a face covering at all times while inside the court facility. All prospective jurors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear face coverings while inside the jury assembly room, courtroom, and other designated areas. We have enhanced sanitation of the courthouse with a focus on hightouch surfaces and common areas. We would strongly encourage jurors to utilize the entrance on the south side of the courthouse on Clark Avenue (see map on reverse side) to minimize traffic flow. For more information on the District Court's COVID-19 response, including our COVID-19 Trial Plan, please visit our website at http://www.clarkcountycourts.us.

GO ONLINE TO (EJUROR.CLARKCOUNTYCOURTS.US) or CALL 702-455-4472 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS SUMMONS TO COMPLETE THE QUALIFICATION SURVEY, WHICH WILL MAKE CHECK IN FASTER

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REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER
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LES VEGAS NV 89155

WHEN YOU APPEAR. REQUESTS FOR EXCUSAL, DISQUALIFICATION, OR RESCHEDULING MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LESS THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE REPORTING DATE IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT. CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT EJUROR © CLARKCOUNTYCOURTS.US OR VIA FAX AT 702-671-4515. TO SPEAK TO AN AGENT, CALL 702-455-4472 BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AND PRESS 0.

THE NIGHT BEFORE YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO REPORT, YOU MUST CALL 702-455-4472 AFTER 6:00 PM TO VERIFY

THAT YOU ARE NEEDED AND THE TIME TO REPORT. PLEASE SELECT LANGUAGE PREFERENCE AND THEN ENTER THE 9 DIGIT JUROR ID NO LOCATED IN THE BLUE BOX IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THIS SUMMONS. INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT WWW.CLARKCOUNTYCOURTS.US. PRESENT THIS SUMMONS ALONG WITH ID AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER ON CLARK AVENUE WHEN YOU REPORT. YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO REPORT AS EARLY AS 7:00 A.M. AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REMAIN IN JURY SERVICES AS LATE AS 5:00 P.M.

ACCOMMODATIONS: TO REQUEST A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR A DISABILITY, PLEASE CALL 702-455-4472. FOR TT/TDD-HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL RELAY NEVADA SERVICES AT 711.

PENALTIES: FAILURE TO RESPOND MAY RESULT IN CONTEMPT AND A FINE OF UP TO \$500.00.

P R O O F O F S E R V I C E REPORTED FOR JURY DUTY

JURY CLERK

R E TAINTHIS CERTIFIC AT E AFTER SERVICE: It is your Certification of Jury Service when signed by the Jury Clerk.

LOCATION: The physical address of the Regional Justice Center is 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101. Juror entrance is on the south side of the building on Clark Avenue. Present this summons along with identification on your confirmed reporting date and time. Take the escalator to the third floor and follow the signs to Jury Services. Please be prepared to remain in Jury Services until 5:00 p.m. on your first day of service. You are welcome to bring a book, magazine, or personal work with you. However, local newspapers are not permitted.

PARKING: Validated parking for jurors is available in the Fremont Street Experience Parking Garage at 425 Fremont Street (parking garage entrance is on 4th Street). Please bring your parking stub with you for validation at the Jury Services front desk when you report. Please note that maximum vehicle height at this garage is 8'2". Validated parking for individuals with handicapped license plates or tags is available at 321 S. Casino Center Blvd. The court cannot reimburse you for parking in restricted areas or any other areas not designated by the court.

<u>ATTIRE:</u> Please dress appropriately. While formal business attire is not required, clothing items such as shorts, halter tops, muscle shirts, tank tops, hats, or jogging suits are not permitted in court.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES: These items may be purchased at the snack bar on breaks or during lunch but may not be taken into the courtroom. Drinking water and water bottles are allowed, but no glass containers.

SMOKING: There is NO SMOKING in the Regional Justice Center. There is a designated smoking area outside the front entrance of the building and another on the 7th floor outside balcony.

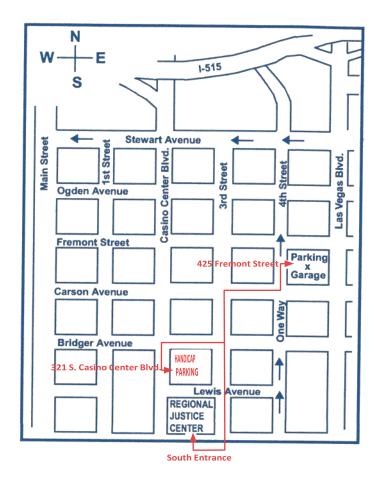
SECURITY: Do not bring dangerous or illegal items with you. Court security is of paramount importance. Firearms, weapons, or any other questionable items, such as glass containers and sprays are not permitted in the building. Court security officers have sole discretion in determining what items are not permitted in the building because of their security risk. Jurors and prospective jurors in possession of such items will be given the option of returning such items to their car or having them confiscated. Confiscated items will not be returned.

QUALIFICATIONS: Only individuals who meet certain criteria may serve on a jury. If you do not meet any of the below criteria, please notify Jury Services immediately.

- 1) You must be a citizen of the United States.
- 2) You must be 18 years of age or older.
- 3) You must be a resident of Clark County.
- 4) You must be without a felony conviction, or your civil rights must have been restored.

FEES: Each person reporting for jury duty is entitled to a fee of \$40.00 for each day after the second day of jury selection and, if selected, is entitled to \$40.00 for each day of service. Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.365 per mile for each mile traveled for jurors who live 30 miles or more away from the location of the trial.

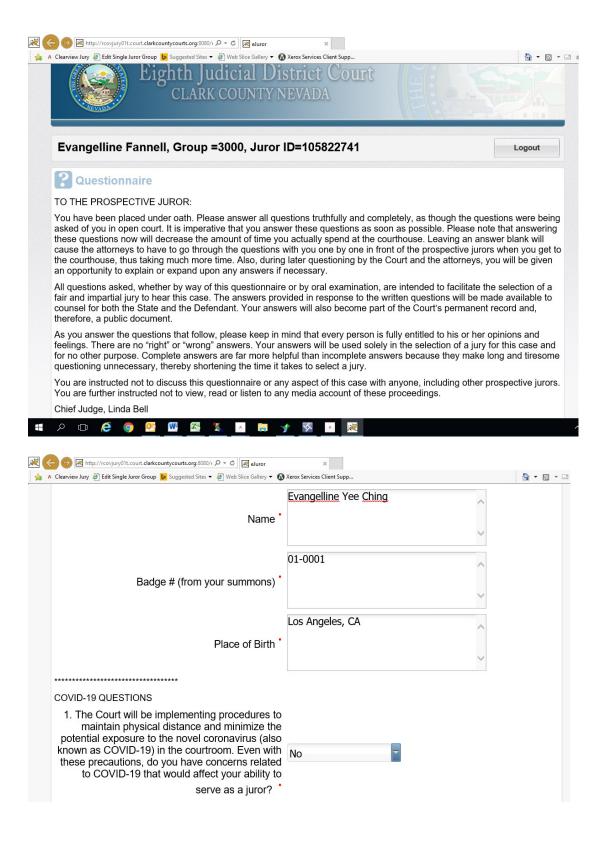
EMPLOYERS: Pursuant to NRS 6.190, you must notify your employer at least three days before your scheduled reporting date. However, it is strongly recommended that you notify your employer immediately. It is unlawful for your employer to prevent or discourage your attendance.

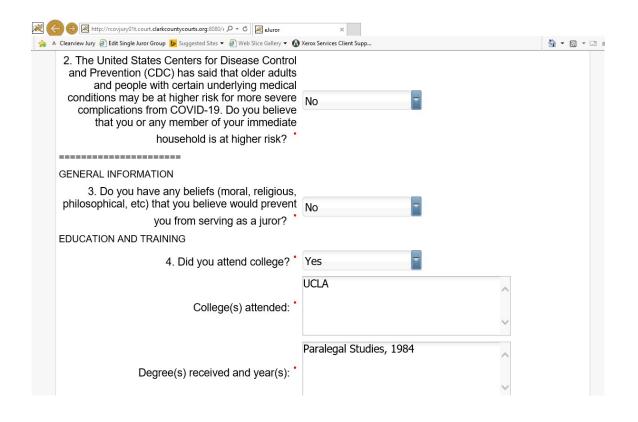


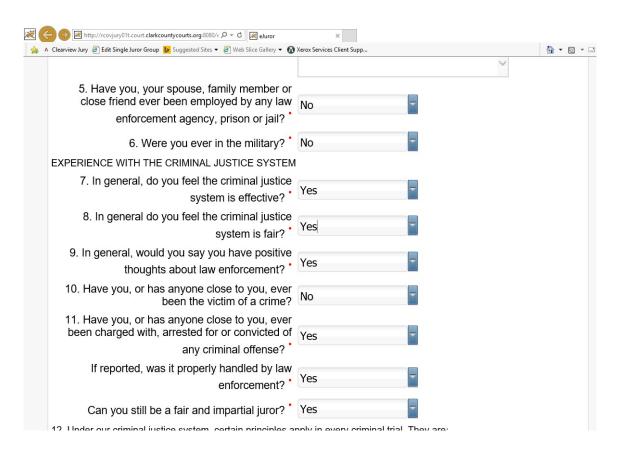
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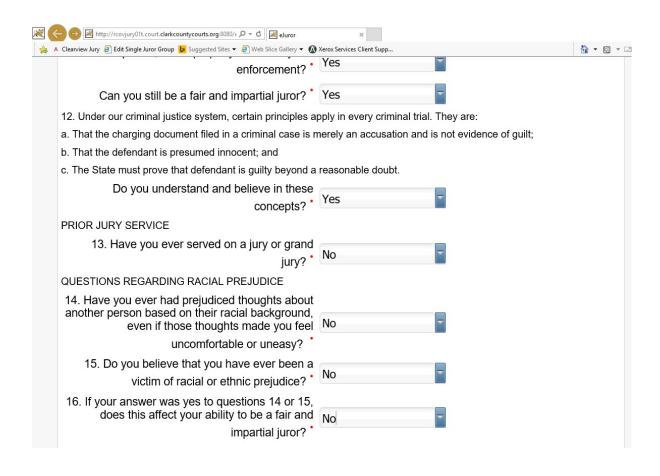
- 1. Any person, corporation, partnership, association or other entity who is:
- (a) An employer; or
- (b) The employee, agent or officer of an employer, vested with the power to terminate or recommend termination of employment, of a person who is a juror or who has received a summons to appear for jury duty, and who deprives the juror or person summoned of his employment, as a consequence of his service as a juror or prospective juror, or who asserts to the juror or person summoned that his service as a juror or prospective juror will result in termination of his employment, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
- 2. A person discharged from employment in violation of subsection 1 may commence a civil action against his employer and obtain:
 - (a) Wages and benefits lost as a result of the violation;
 - (b) An order of reinstatement without loss of position, seniority or benefits;
 - (c) Damages equal to the amount of the lost wages and benefits;
 - (d) Reasonable attorney's fees fixed by the court; and
 - (e) Punitive or exemplary damages in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
- 3. If a person is summoned to appear for jury duty, the employer and any employee, agent or officer of the employer shall not, as a consequence of the person's service as a juror or prospective juror:
- (a) Require the person to use sick leave or vacation time; or Require the person to work:
- (1) Within 8 hours before the time at which he is to appear for jury duty; or
- (2) If his service has lasted for 4 hours or more on the day of his appearance for jury duty, including his time going to and returning from the place where the court is held, between 5 p.m. on the day of his appearance for jury duty and 3 a.m. the following day.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.









CONCLUDING QUESTIONS	
17. Is there any reason you cannot serve on this jury? *	Yes
Please explain:	at my office; no one else can do my job.
18. Is there anything you feel is important that may not have been asked in this questionnaire?	Yes
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August 19, 2020

Steve Grierson Clark County Courts



Mason VanHouweling, Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 3

RE: Re-opening courtrooms for Jury Trials

COVID 19 HVAC Augmentation suggestions for the Regional Justice System- courtroom re-opening:

- 1. Consider increasing Air Flow/Air Exchanges for Jury Holding Area and Court Rooms.
- 2. UMC concurs with up-grading air filters to MERV 13 rating.
- 3. Consider introducing 30% Humidity into Jury Holding Area/Court Rooms.
- 4. Consider installing Dry Hydrogen System for Jury Holding Area/Court Rooms (Contact for Dry Hydrogen System: SMS Mechanical, Jason Hales 702-445-6654).
- 5. Consider installation of additional plexiglass around Jury Box area in Court Rooms.

COVID 19 EVS suggestions for the Regional Justice System- courtroom re-opening:

- 1. Use of disinfectant cleaner with lower dwell times (1 minute) other than current Quat disinfectant used by janitorial group.
- 2. Recommend increase of porter services throughout the day to continuously disinfect high touch surfaces i.e. (elevator buttons, elevator handrails, restroom spaces etc.)
- 3. Use of individual antibacterial toilettes for all jurors and members assigned to the case; constant encouragement of wiping high touch areas during breaks to increase frequency of space cleaning and or assign a porter to the area to disinfect during breaks if possible.

COVID 19 Infection Control suggestions for the Regional Justice System- courtroom re-opening:

- 1. Replace cloth chairs with cleanable material.
- 2. Add hand sanitizer at all entrances with >60% alcohol.
- 3. Add plexi-glass divider between judge and recorder in holding area.
- 4. Cleaning and Disinfection of surfaces at least daily with EPA disinfectant claim against Coronavirus.
- 5. Daily signs and symptoms review for anyone in the court room, not just jurors.
- 6. Add language to juror information to discourage attending large gatherings during trial.

Sincerely,

Mason Van Houweling, CEO

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AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO TESTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

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THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA AND

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

THIS AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE ("Amendment") is entered into as of ("Effective Date") by and between The Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County, Neva referred to as "CLIENT") and University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (hereinafter "PROVIDER"). Client and Provider are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties".	,
WHEREAS , the Parties have previously executed the Testing Services Agreement, (the effective September 15, 2020; and	e "Agreement")

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement with this Amendment to update the scope of services set forth in Exhibit A of the Agreement and the reimbursement schedule specified in Exhibit B of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties agree to the following:

- 1. Delete in its entirety, the existing version of Exhibit A of the Agreement and replace the same with the version of Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 2. Delete in its entirety, the existing version of Exhibit B of the Agreement and replace the same with the version of Exhibit B attached hereto.
- 3. Delete the current version of Exhibit C of the Agreement, in its entirety.
- 4. All other terms of the Agreement not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect. If any term of this Amendment conflicts with the terms of the Agreement, the terms of this Amendment shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have the authority necessary to bind the entities identified herein and have executed this Amendment to be effective as of the Effective Date.

CENTER EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF UNIVERSITY MEDICAL OF **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** SOUTHERN NEVADA Signature: Strap & Louison Signature: Name: Mason VanHouweling Name: Steven D. Grierson Title: Chief Executive Officer___ Title: Court Executive Officer_ Date: 6/4/2021 Date:

EXHIBIT A

SERVICES

SITE OF THE SERVICES

- PROVIDER may provide COVID-19 testing services to the Client Testing Subjects designated by CLIENT at the Eighth Judicial District Court of Clark County Nevada, 200 Lewis Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101 (the "Site"), or at such other location as mutually agreed to by the parties.
- CLIENT shall be responsible for designating a safe and secure location at the Site, or other location as mutually agreed by the parties, which is sufficient to permit PROVIDER to render the Services. Prior to the commencement of Services, CLIENT shall obtain PROVIDER's approval of proposed location at the Site.

REGISTRATION AND REQUESTING SERVICES

- CLIENT shall be responsible for contacting PROVIDER and requesting the performance of the Services. Upon identifying a Client Testing Subject as requiring Services, CLIENT shall contact PROVIDER via a mutually agreed upon method to request Services.
- Upon making a request for Services, CLIENT shall direct each Client Testing Subject who is to undergo COVID-19 diagnostic testing to complete PROVIDER's Registration Packet, attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- During the Term of this Agreement, PROVIDER shall make a qualified healthcare provider available on an on-call basis, from Monday through Friday (8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), for the purpose of responding to requests for Services from CLIENT.

PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES

- Upon receipt of a request for Services from CLIENT and the completion of the registration paperwork, PROVIDER shall perform the following COVID-19 diagnostic testing services to each designated Client Testing Subject:
 - o The collection of one (1) PCR testing sample from each Client Testing Subject;
 - Transportation of one (1) PCR testing sample to PROVIDER's Laboratory located at 1800
 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102 for processing and analysis;
 - o Performance of one (1) PCR COVID-19 diagnostic test at PROVIDER's laboratory and subsequent notification of the results to CLIENT.
- PROVIDER will perform up to a maximum of one hundred (100) total sample collections per week during the Term of this Agreement as assigned by CLIENT unless mutually agreed to by the parties.
- If a testing specimen is deemed insufficient for laboratory processing, PROVIDER will provide retesting at no charge if not due to CLIENT or Client Testing Subject error.
- CLIENT shall make a good faith effort to provide or require Client Testing Subjects to wear a face mask or other acceptable facial covering when obtaining the Services.

Services may be provided at such other, locations, dates, times and weekly testing performance numbers as mutually agreed to by PROVIDER and CLIENT.

EXHIBIT B

CLIENT agrees to pay PROVIDER for the Services for the fixed fee amounts below:

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	FEE/TEST	
Bundled Services Fee Includes: On-Call Availability; (1) COVID 19 PCR Test; (1) COVID 19 PCR Collection Fee; and Courier Services.	\$150.00/test	