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Dear Judge,

It has been a few months since my last communication to you regarding pandemic issues and I'm hopeful that this topic will soon become one for the history books. Until then, I have a few brief updates for you.

I believe I have provided a number of resources to you in the past, one of which is a link to the National Center for State Court's [website](#). The National Center created a Rapid Response Team (RRT) shortly after the pandemic hit the US last year. The RRT continues to meet and develop very useful products, one of which I've attached to this email: *Considerations about Collecting Information on COVID-19 Vaccination Status from Prospective Jurors*. While not every judge in the state presides over jury trials, there are also other resources, tailored to every court jurisdiction type, available on the RRT [webpage](#). I encourage you to review the site as your time permits.

Lastly, the Court will meet in June to discuss the status of the Supreme Court staff, who, in large part, have been working remotely during the pandemic. We are also working diligently to ensure that our building is a safe environment for our staff - and for visitors. With that being said, I've heard from a number of you that virtual participation in Supreme Court meetings has worked well and provides you with greater flexibility in your schedules. As such, I will ask our staff to look for ways to continue to provide remote access to Supreme Court meetings even after the pandemic has subsided.

I am certainly anxious to see all of you in person and I hope that can happen very soon.

Stay safe and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice