

WARD 7 BRIEFING INFORMATION & DATA

TRIAL TIMELINE

- **March 8:** Jury selection expected to start.

*Notes: **Jury selection is scheduled for three weeks—from March 8 to 26.** During that time, court will start at 8 a.m. The opening statements in the actual trial are anticipated for March 29, and the trial itself is estimated to take between two and four weeks. There are no plans at the current time to conduct court over weekends. Jurors will be fully sequestered during deliberation.*

Except for the trial, the Hennepin County Government Center is closed to the public and on lockdown (including the parking ramp) from March 1 until the conclusion of the trial. Delivery of county services have been redirected to other facilities and locations; get details from the [Hennepin County website](#).

- **March 29:** Opening statements anticipated to commence.
- **Mid- to late April:** Instructions given to jury. Jury sequestered and deliberate until they reach a verdict.
- **August 23 (approx.):** Trial anticipated to begin for Thao, Kueng & Lane.

TRIAL DETAILS

As a reminder, the State Court has posted public details about the trial to its website for public access; found under State vs. Derek Chauvin, [27-CV-20-12646](#) [link embedded to website redirect].

The trial will be conducted in Courtroom C-1856 located on the 18th floor of the Hennepin County Government Center. Access to the building is controlled by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, and no one is permitted on the 18th floor without prior authorization of the Chief Judge or the Sheriff.

Because of international interest in this trial, Judge Cahill has authorized the trial to be live-streamed.

Court TV is the only network planning to broadcast the entire uninterrupted proceedings live every day from 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. [eastern standard]. Court TV is available as a free over-the-air channel, and is available free on various streaming devices including Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Android TV, and Vizio smart TVs as well as from YouTube TV, Pluto TV, FreeCast, XUMO, Select TV, KloudTV, NKT.tv, Redbox, and Local Now.

Reporters and news outlets are being allowed into the courtroom on a rotational basis, with a minimal number of assigned seats reserved for the media. The Court Public Information Officers (PIO)s are also participating partners in the City's Joint Information System (JIS).

In case you may have missed it, the Star Tribune ran a good article yesterday that details the lock down of the Hennepin County Government Center: <http://strib.mn/308v5qP>. This article discusses the fortified security perimeter, access points, and other matters of interest. The Star Tribune is providing an opportunity for folks to register an email account to receive specific updates about the Chauvin trial; you can access that online registration form at: <http://newsletters.startribune.com/pages/1788361/27490>.

REMINDER

Sixth Street South (the street and both sidewalks) will be closed between Third and Fourth avenues next to the Hennepin County Government Center. Currently, other streets will remain open. The City will provide updates when other closures are anticipated.

PUBLIC CONTACT NUMBERS

Public Contact Numbers:

- **911:** For life safety emergencies requiring an immediate response from police, fire, or medical service.
- **311:** For non-emergency concerns or information.
- **612-692-TIPS (8477):** For reporting tips to the Minneapolis police about any suspicious activity that doesn't require an immediate response. [Example: Reporting a fast-moving car without license plates or spotting something odd in an alley.]
- **612-673-2499:** For general questions from business and commercial property owners about preparations before the trial, operating during the trial and local regulations. Questions can also be sent by email to SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Minneapolis Police Department, along with its Operation Safety Net Partners, are committed to honoring the First Amendment rights of peaceful protesters and demonstrators. MPD has held de-escalation training in preparation for the upcoming trials.
- The City's [Office of Violence Prevention \(OVP\)](#) plans to fund a network of community-based groups that can be activated during periods of heightened tension during the remainder of 2021, including during the trials of the former officers involved in the killing of George Floyd. OVP plans to issue a request for applications for community groups tomorrow. The groups will assist in providing accurate information and resources with the community.
- The Minneapolis Police Department is continuing to work with law enforcement partners to ensure the success of Operation Safety Net, which brings together local and state law enforcement agencies under a unified command to respond to any civil unrest during the upcoming trial.
- Minneapolis Police Deputy Chief Erick Fors highlighted the shared commitment to dedicating law enforcement personnel to business corridors, especially those hit hardest during last summer's civil unrest, as a deterrent to destructive behavior.
- [Metro Transit](#) is actively working to identify and plan for potential disruptions to Metro Transit service. At this time, no disruptions are planned for service to downtown Minneapolis. As the trial progresses and approaches verdict time, detours around Hennepin County Government Center are anticipated. Those service changes will be communicated through Metro Transit rider alerts and social media, among other communications channels.

- The City's Community Planning and Economic Development Department continues to work directly with businesses, business associations and technical assistance providers to collaboratively develop information on what business and property owners need to know to keep properties secure and workers and customers safe. It's important we keep supporting our local businesses during these challenging and uncertain times. The City recommends businesses develop emergency preparedness plans. [Ready.gov has sample plans and guidance](#). Businesses can also reach out to 612-673-2499 or SmallBusiness@minneapolismn.gov with questions about advanced preparation before the trial, business operations during the trial and general information about regulations and resources.

LINKS & RESOURCES

The City of Minneapolis will be posting information on our main web site and on a special news page. You can also sign up to receive the City Update Newsletter

City of Minneapolis: Main Page

- <http://minneapolismn.gov/>

City of Minneapolis: News Page

- <http://news.minneapolismn.gov/>

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