to their local courthouse for jury duty, 70 percent or more responded positively to:
• everyone (employees and public) wearing masks (70 percent);
• social distancing being enforced (70 percent);
• temperature checks (74 percent); and
• coronavirus testing (76 percent).

**TEXAS**

In an effort to address differing views by state, the same survey was administered to a statistically significant sampling of Texas residents. The results were similar:
• 69 percent expressed confidence in their courts (vs. 70 percent nationally);
• 68 percent of those polled favored masks being required for courts (vs. 67 percent).

**KEY MESSAGES FOR COURTS**

Overall, there were three main takeaways from the survey. First, people are looking for alternatives to reporting to the courthouse. This is not new; jurors have expressed this desire for several years, driven in large part by technological capabilities. Second, the composition of the jury pool is likely to be an even greater challenge during the pandemic, particularly when it comes to elderly jurors. And third, while people are willing to serve on juries in-person and remotely, they are not confident that a remote trial can be as fair as an in-person one.

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**NOTE:** Complete findings and a webinar conducted by the survey group, GBAO Strategies, which included questions from court stakeholders on the findings, are available at www.ncsc.org/pandemicsurvey. The poll of 1,000 registered voters was conducted using telephone interviews and online surveys June 8–11, 2020. Findings are considered accurate within +/- 3 percent, 19 times out of 20. The survey was developed with input from an advisory body of judges, court professionals, and NCSC staff.