

## NOTICE

### Mask Requirements in the Public Areas of the Courthouse and Courtrooms Effective March 2, 2022

**Public Access to the Courthouse:** The courthouse is open to members of the public, the media, and individuals having business with the courts.

**Mask Requirements in Public Areas:** All persons in any public area of the courthouse must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth. Any visitor without an appropriate mask will be provided with one. Public areas include public elevators, public corridors, public restrooms, the atrium, and the cafeteria.

#### **Mask Requirements in Courtrooms**

**Court of Appeals:** Judges and attorneys participating in oral arguments will follow the protocols adopted by the Court of Appeals. Spectators will wear masks.

**District Court:** Attorneys, parties, witnesses, jurors, and other participants in court proceedings will follow the protocols set by the presiding judge. Spectators will wear masks.

**Bankruptcy Court:** Attorneys, parties, and other participants in court proceedings will follow the protocols set by the presiding judge. Spectators will wear masks.

**Changes to Mask Policy:** We will be monitoring the COVID-19 Community Level, tracking the emergence of new variants, and consulting with experts to help protect those who visit the courthouse. If conditions change, adjustments will be made to this policy.

**Court of Appeals Clerk's Office:** Individuals delivering filings, pleadings, and briefs must use the drop box at the entrance to the courthouse on Third Street. Individuals with emergency or sealed filings may not use the drop box and must contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions.

**District Court and Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office:** The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public counter is located on the first floor of the courthouse in Room 1225.

**Probation and Pretrial Matters:** Defendants under supervision with the Probation Office or the Pretrial Services Agency are permitted to enter the courthouse to go to the Probation Office or the Pretrial Services Agency office.

**Health Precautions:** Any person who has COVID-19 and is still infectious, has been asked to quarantine, is waiting for test results due to possible exposure, or is experiencing possible COVID-19 symptoms should not enter the courthouse. A contactless temperature kiosk is located at the Third Street entrance to facilitate self-assessment. If a person cannot enter the courthouse, call the appropriate office for assistance:

Court of Appeals Clerk's Office	202.216.7300
District & Bankruptcy Courts Clerk's Office	202.354.3120
District Court Jury Office	202.354.3360
Probation Office	202.565.1300
Pretrial Services Office	202.442.1000
Circuit Executive's Office	202.216.7340