

NOTICE

Mask Policy in the Public Areas of the Courthouse and Courtrooms Effective October 17, 2022

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

Masks Optional in Public Areas: Masks are optional in public areas of the courthouse. Public areas include public elevators, public corridors, public restrooms, the atrium, and the cafeteria.

Mask Requirements in Courtrooms

Court of Appeals: Masks are optional for participants in oral arguments and spectators.

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

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

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: The Clerk's Office public counter is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public counter is located on the fifth floor of the courthouse in Room 5205. On Tuesday and Thursday, 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. Contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions.

District Court and Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office: The Clerk's Office public counter 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 isolate, is waiting for test results due to possible exposure, is experiencing possible COVID-19 symptoms, or is symptomatic from another illness should not enter the courthouse. 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