

Notice to Counsel and Self-Represented Litigants Regarding In-Person Oral Arguments Resuming in February 2022

On February 14, 2022, the Eighth District Court of Appeals resumes in-person oral arguments at the Old Courthouse. The court continues to comply with the safety guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the Ohio Department of Health and the Cuyahoga County Health Department to maintain a safe environment for our staff and the public that we serve:

Health Screening: All individuals entering the courthouse will be subject to a temperature-health screening and may be excluded from admission based upon the results of such screening.

Masks: All individuals entering the courthouse must wear a face covering while they are in the courthouse. Attorneys or pro se parties arguing before the court of appeals, however, may choose not to wear face coverings when speaking at the podium in the courtroom. Plexi-glass has been installed on the bench to allow the judges to safely remove their masks, if they choose, during the oral argument proceeding.

Social Distancing: The court will schedule one argument per time slot to reduce the number of people gathering in the courtroom and hallways.

Cleaning: High touch areas of the courtroom will be sanitized between arguments.

Health Monitoring: Staff, parties, and the public should monitor themselves for the presence of COVID-19 symptoms before attending any in-person court proceeding and stay home if symptoms are present.

Remote Arguments:

- The court will accommodate remote argument for any COVID-19 health-related concern. Parties are asked that they notify the court as soon as possible but, absent an emergency, not less than 14 days before the hearing. For non- COVID health-related concerns, procedures for requesting remote oral argument and other requirements are posted on the court’s website under <https://appeals.cuyahogacounty.us/more-links/helpful-information>