

**NOTICE TO COUNSEL REGARDING IN-PERSON ORAL ARGUMENTS
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 & THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022**

Screening and Entry. Anyone entering the courthouse will be screened upon entry. All visitors are required to wear masks and observe social distancing in public areas of the building. See <https://www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/>. No one with COVID symptoms should enter the courthouse. If within the three days preceding your argument you have reason to suspect you have COVID, you should call the Clerk's Office at 513-564-7000 to determine how to proceed.

Check-In. Arguing attorneys should check in at the intake area of the clerk's office (Room 540) at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled argument time. Unvaccinated attorneys should advise the clerk's office staff at check-in. Once checked in, attorneys may wait in the courtroom or adjacent attorney waiting room for their arguments to be called.

Courtroom Procedures. Attorneys, court staff, and members of the public are required to wear masks inside the Sixth Circuit courtrooms.

Attorneys will be permitted to remove their masks only when presenting argument. Unvaccinated attorneys will argue from counsel table. Vaccinated attorneys will argue from the podium but may opt to argue from counsel table when participating in arguments with unvaccinated opposing counsel. Attorneys should inform the clerk's office staff of their preference prior to the arguments.

To ensure adequate social distancing, seating in the courtrooms may be limited. Counsel should therefore limit the number of attorneys and staff attending argument.