

## CURRENT COVID-19 COURTROOM PROCEDURES

1. Self-Certification Regarding COVID-19 Symptoms: By entering any of this court's offices, rooms, or facilities in the Dirksen Courthouse, a person certifies that he or she:

- Has not tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days or been asked or required to self-quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19;
- Has not within the previous 14 days had known close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or with a person who has been asked or required to self-quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19; and
- Has not within the previous 14 days experienced symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including a temperature of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

2. Masking and Social Distancing: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering or mask in this court's public areas, including the lobby, elevator banks, public corridors, the Clerk's Office front desk, and public restrooms, except as specified below.

Courtroom and Lawyers' Lounge: Persons who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 do not need to wear a face covering or mask or observe social distancing in the courtroom or lawyers' lounge.<sup>1</sup>

3. Proof of Vaccination: Pursuant to General Order 21-009, entered on August 13, 2021, lawyers appearing for in-person oral argument on and after October 4, 2021, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Lawyers who are not fully vaccinated must present argument telephonically or by a video-communications platform approved by the court. All vaccinated lawyers must email proof of vaccination, not later than 14 days before the argument date, to USCA7\_ArgumentSupportDocs@ca7.uscourts.gov. The email should include the case number, case title, date of oral argument and proof of vaccination. Attachments to the email must be in pdf or jpeg format.

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<sup>1</sup> Persons are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.