



## **Revised Georgia Court of Appeals Policy Regarding Masks in the Nathan Deal Judicial Center**

Effective: Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022, the following health protocols have been established for visitors entering the building, in coordination between the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the Statewide Business Court:

- Visitors entering the NDJC or visiting the common areas of the NDJC generally are no longer required to wear a mask or socially distance, but may choose to wear a mask or socially distance.
- In accordance with CDC and DPH guidance, visitors must wear an appropriate mask following quarantine or isolation due to exposure to or infection by COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms.
- An appropriate mask is considered an N95 or KN95 mask, or a disposable surgical mask covered by a cloth mask, that fit well and is covering the nose and mouth.
- Visitors must also wear an appropriate mask and comply with social distancing requirements where indicated by signs in any judicial chambers, court office, or other specific area in the NDJC.
- Any person who enters the building is certifying that he or she is free of COVID-19 symptoms and known exposure that pose a significant threat of infection.

### **The Georgia Building Authority will continue with the following measures:**

- Public areas such as elevators, lobbies and washrooms will be cleaned and frequently disinfected.
- The building contains a state-of-the-art ventilation system that includes UV lighting to reduce toxins and bacteria that can enter the air stream.
- Hand sanitizing stations will remain available for use throughout the building.

**Operations:** The Court of Appeals remains fully operational. Sufficient personnel remain on site to accept paper filings from pro se parties.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Clerk's Office at (404) 656-3450.

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