



## **Oral Arguments in Person**

October 7, 2021

Upon entry to the Nathan Deal Judicial Center, all visitors and employees are required to wear a mask covering their mouth and nose in public areas and in the courtroom.

If you will be presenting an oral argument in the Court of Appeals, sitting at counsel table, or observing in the audience, the following rules apply:

- All parties and spectators in the courtroom during oral arguments must wear masks and practice social distancing at all times.
- Every other row of seats will be cordoned off, and those rows will remain empty.
- Parties presenting their oral arguments may argue with or without masks, at their discretion. After each person argues, the podium will be sanitized before the next speaker argues. Please wait until the surfaces are wiped down before stepping up to argue your case.
- After both parties in a case have presented their arguments and before the next case is called, staff will sanitize counsel tables and chairs. Please wait until these surfaces are wiped down before coming before the bar to be seated.
- All judges participating in person will sit separated by at least six feet and, like the party arguing, they have the option to wear masks or not.

If you have any questions about this policy or anything else related to oral arguments, please contact the Clerk's Office at (404) 656-3450.