

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
POWELL COURTHOUSE ENTRY AND ORAL ARGUMENT PROTOCOL**

December 6-9, 2022, Argument Session

- Entry: Entry by persons diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 who have not completed the recommended period of isolation and by persons experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (temperature of 100.4 degrees or more, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, unusual fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) is prohibited. Certification of vaccination or negative testing is not required.

- Masking: All persons, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a high-quality mask covering their nose and mouth in all public areas, including courtrooms. Attorneys may, at their option, remove their masks during presentation of oral argument. Masking within private space shall be in accordance with the requirements established by each chambers or office. Masks are available from the security officers at the building entrances.

- Courtroom Attendance & Audio Live-Stream: Courtroom attendance is not restricted based on social distancing, and advance permission is not required to attend argument. The court provides a live audio-stream for convenience and to avoid courtroom overcrowding, and interested persons are encouraged to listen live from **Listen** links on each page of the argument calendar at [Oral Argument Calendar \(uscourts.gov\)](https://uscourts.gov). Archived recordings are available after argument at [Listen to Oral Arguments \(uscourts.gov\)](https://uscourts.gov).

- Motions for Oral Argument by Videoconference: Counsel diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or who have other good cause for not appearing in person, may file a motion for oral argument via videoconference. The motion should reflect whether opposing counsel consents to the requested relief and, if the relief is granted, whether opposing counsel plans to appear in person or by videoconference. If necessary to protect confidential information, counsel may, without further leave of court, file sealed and public versions of the motion for oral argument by videoconference. If the motion is granted, counsel appearing by videoconference must participate in a Zoom test session with court staff in advance of the argument date. See [Remote Argument Information for Counsel](https://uscourts.gov).

- Contact: Please contact the Fourth Circuit Clerk's Office at 804-916-2700 with any questions and for assistance with alternate arrangements.