

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT**

Miscellaneous Order 2023-1

Commencing immediately, and until further order of the court, for all in-person and hybrid oral arguments, the following protocols will apply:

1. No person shall enter the courtroom if that person (a) has tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous five days; (b) is ill and currently awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test; (c) has had a fever within the prior 24 hours; or (d) has had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that have persisted over the previous five days.

2. Counsel, litigants and members of the public are not required to wear face coverings in the courtroom, but are encouraged to do so. Counsel and self-represented litigants may, and are encouraged to, remove their masks when presenting argument.

3. Any counsel or self-represented litigant who initially planned to appear in person for oral argument but who becomes unable to do so for medical reasons (including a positive COVID-19 test) must notify opposing counsel and the clerk of the court immediately. Such counsel may request to participate via video or telephone, although the court retains discretion to take appropriate action regarding oral argument proceedings.

4. The court requests that any person, including counsel, litigants and members of the public, who attends in-person oral argument and within five days of the argument exhibits symptoms of, or tests positive for, COVID-19 notify the clerk's office at First.District@jud.ca.gov.

The courtroom will be closed for renovation from April 17, 2023 to May 22, 2023, or shortly thereafter. Oral argument during that time shall be conducted per the policy stated in Miscellaneous Order 2023-2, dated March 13, 2023.

Humes, A.P.J.

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