

Court of Appeals, Eighth District
Cuyahoga County

The administrative orders dated March 18, 2020, April 7, 2020, May 5, 2020, November 20, 2020, June 17, 2021, and November 23, 2021 and issued in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis are amended as follows:

On June 2, 2021, Governor DeWine rescinded most state issued public health orders; however, businesses and other entities are permitted to continue to require mitigation measures such as masks and social distancing.

On September 24, 2021, an administrative order was issued requiring all eligible employees to be fully vaccinated no later than January 1, 2022.

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

- (1) The local rules of the Eighth District Court of Appeals may continue to be temporarily adapted to allow court flexibility, within constitutional limits, in response to health concerns.
- (2) The Court's Employee Manual and other policies and usual customary human resource provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain court operations and functions and to protect public health.
- (3) Court judicial officers and Court personnel must wear a mask in any common employee area accessible to the public and/or when meeting with or assisting other Court personnel or any member of the public.
- (4) All individuals, including Court judicial officers and personnel, entering the courthouse will be subject to available health screening or testing and may be excluded from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.
- (5) All individuals, including Court judicial officers and personnel, entering the courthouse must wear a face covering while they are in the courthouse. However, vaccinated Court judicial officers and personnel may remove their mask, in compliance with the CDC guidelines, while working in private office areas.
- (6) Pursuant to amendments to Loc.App.R. 21, a case will not be set for oral argument unless a party requests it in compliance with Loc.App.R. 21(A). The amendments take effect on March 1, 2022. Until that time, the court will continue to determine appeals by submission on the briefs unless a party requests oral argument in compliance with court orders prior to the hearing date. Any matters that are

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scheduled for oral argument on or after February 14, 2022 will be held in person unless otherwise ordered by the court.

(7) The Court may order an oral argument, mediation, or other proceedings be held by remote technology within its discretion or as requested by the parties in accordance with the protocols and requirements that are posted on the Court's website under <http://appeals.cuyahogacounty.us/more-links/helpful-information/requesting-remote-oral-argument-policy>.

(8) As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, the Court may conduct proceedings remotely, to the extent practicable, by video, telephonic or other available technological means to minimize the social interactions of litigants, attorneys, witnesses, law enforcement personnel, and judicial personnel.

(9) The Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts shall conduct business in the clerk's office with personnel as determined by the Clerk and may determine to conduct the receipt of filings or other transactions by electronic filing or other designated methods determined by the Clerk.

(10) Any Court employee who exhibits signs of illness must notify their direct supervisor by telephone or electronic mail and shall not come into the courthouse or report for duty.

(11) Any individual in the courthouse who exhibits signs of illness shall be directed to leave the building immediately and seek medical advice before being permitted to re-enter the building at a later date.


(12) This Order supersedes and amends any conflicting provisions of the March 18, 2020, April 7, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 5, 2020, November 20, 2020, June 17, 2021, and November 23, 2021 Orders.

(13) This Order is effective January 25, 2022 and will remain in effect until modified by order of this court.


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IT IS SO ORDERED

COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO, EIGHTH DISTRICT


Hon. Sean C. Gallagher
Administrative & Presiding Judge

JAN 25 2022

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CLERK
OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
By  Deputy

Dated: 