

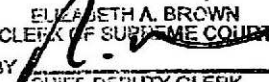
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING  
ACCESS TO APPELLATE COURT  
FACILITIES.

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*ORDER CONCERNING ACCESS TO APPELLATE COURT FACILITIES*

On March 13, 2020, this court issued AO-0008 restricting access to appellate court facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On April 20, 2020, this court issued AO-0014, extending the restrictions imposed by AO-0008. Effective May 3, 2021, AO-0008, AO-10, and AO-0014 are rescinded.

Consistent with guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directives, Nevada Health Response guidelines, federal OSHA standards, and Nevada OSHA guidelines effective May 14, 2021, the following COVID-19 protocols will be in effect until further notice. We observe Nevada OSHA updated guidelines (a) through (g) that provide as follows: (a) Employers should encourage employees to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; (b) Organizations may have mask policies that are more restrictive than the CDC guidance; (c) All employers must provide face coverings for unvaccinated employees and shall require these employees to wear face coverings in all instances where required by emergency directives, including any space visited by the general public, even if no one else is present; (d) Close or limit access to common areas where employees are likely to congregate and interact. When in common areas, face coverings are required for unvaccinated employees; (e) Maintain regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting

of surfaces and equipment; (f) Conduct daily surveys of changes to staff/labor health conditions; and (g) Post signage with the latest CDC mask guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated guests.

### SCREENING PROTOCOLS

Members of the public entering the Carson City and Las Vegas courthouses must observe social distancing of 3 feet and hygiene protocols and wear a mask that covers his or her nose and mouth in common areas of the courthouses such as the lobby, stairways, elevators, hallways, courtrooms, etc. Further, persons who have been diagnosed with, or had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous 10 days, or has symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath shall not enter the appellate courthouses.<sup>1</sup>

### COURT APPEARANCES

On April 20, 2020, this court issued AO-0015, advising that oral arguments in individual cases before the appellate courts would be conducted by videoconferencing or other remote means. AO-0015 further advised that, unless ordered in a particular case, no in-person attendance at oral argument by counsel, the parties, or the public would be permitted. Effective June 1, 2021, AO-0015 is rescinded. Beginning on June 1, 2021, oral arguments in individual cases will be held in-person in the Carson City and Las Vegas courthouses, unless otherwise ordered in a particular case. Subject to the Screening Protocols in this Administrative Order, the public will be permitted to attend oral arguments in the Carson City and Las

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<sup>1</sup>The return-to-work plan governing employees of the Nevada Appellate Courts was updated on April 19, 2021. The requirement for wearing masks for employees is consistent with the requirement for members of the public.

Vegas courthouses. With the permission of the Chief Justice, the Presiding Justice, or Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, attorneys may remove their mask while presenting their arguments to the court.

It is so ORDERED.

Hardesty, C.J.  
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cc: Administrative Office of the Courts