

Notice to In-Person Oral Argument Participants **Regarding Courthouse Protocols**

In anticipation of in-person Oral Arguments at the Third Department, please be advised of the following protocols:

- **All attorneys or self-represented litigants will be required to undergo the following COVID screenings, including temperature screenings, before they are permitted pass through security:**
 - **A uniformed security officer will ask each visitor whether, within the last 14 days, the visitor (1) has had fever, cough, shortness of breath or any flu-like symptoms; (2) has tested positive for COVID-19 (or been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19): or (3) has returned from travel abroad or from a state covered by the Governor's travel advisory. A list of the states covered by the travel advisory can be found at:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>**
 - **A uniformed security officer will take your temperature by infrared thermometer without physical contact.**
 - **If your temperature is 100.0 F or greater, or you answer "yes" to any of the above questions, you will not be permitted to proceed through the magnetometer/x-ray machine.**
- **For the safety of all court users and court personnel, you must wear a mask or face covering while inside the courthouse. Persons without a mask or face covering will not be permitted to enter.**
- **Masks or face coverings must be worn by all persons in the Courtroom, including court personnel and judges, at all times, including during oral arguments.**

- **The Courtroom will be closed to the general public, and only participating attorneys or self-represented litigants will be permitted through the security check point. However, all arguments are live broadcast.**
- **You may be asked to remain on the Concourse level until your case is ready to be heard. Please remain near the security post on the Concourse level so that you can be advised when you should report to the Courtroom.**
- **The occupancy for the restrooms is limited to one person at a time. Please use restrooms on the concourse level.**
- **The attorneys' room is closed and will not be available for use.**
- **Social distancing is required at all times. Please ensure that you keep a distance of at least six feet from all persons at all times, including while in the Courtroom.**
- **To reduce density, please exit the fifth floor immediately after arguments for your case are completed.**

Additional important information:

- **Attorneys tables and the podium will be cleaned in between the presentation of each argument.**