

Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division: Second Department

Second Department to Resume in person Oral Argument

Beginning September 7, 2021, all oral arguments on appeal at the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department will be held in person at the courthouse located at 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, New York or at such alternate locations as may be announced by the Court. Further, as of that date the courthouse will be open to the public.

Screening before entering courthouse:

In conformity with guidelines established by the Office of Court Administration on July 14, 2021, the following shall be implemented for **fully vaccinated individuals**:

Attorneys who have received a green Attorney Pass issued by the Unified Court System will be permitted to by-pass the daily health safety screening and conduct their business in all areas of the courthouse without wearing a mask or face covering. The pass is valid for ninety days and must be displayed on the outermost portion of the attorney's clothing at all times when inside a court facility.

All other individuals may show proof of vaccination and receive a white Visitor pass that permits them to bypass the health safety screening and enter the court facility without a mask or face covering. In order to obtain such a pass the visitor must possess a valid government identification card which matches the name on a proof of vaccination. These items should be shown to the court officer upon entry into the court facility. Acceptable proofs of COVID-19 vaccination include:

- COVID-19 vaccination card;
- Photograph of a COVID-19 vaccination card contained on a mobile device; or
- COVID-19 Vaccination Excelsior Pass

The white lapel sticker will be valid for one day and must be worn at all times on the outermost portion of clothing.

All persons entering the courthouse who are unable to establish that they have been vaccinated in conformity with the above guidelines (a) are required to wear a mask or facial covering at all times, (b) shall comply with social distancing guidelines and the directives of court officers, and (c) will be subject to Covid-19 screening and temperature checks.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure that you and your fellow litigants, as well as the Court's staff, remain safe.