



# Summary of Standards and Protocols Applicable for Visitors to Court Proceedings

## Public Access for Scheduled In-Person Proceedings

In-person Court proceedings are open to the public and press.

## Entry Requirements

Before entering the Washington D.C. courthouse or field courtrooms, all visitors are asked to self-certify that the answer to each of the COVID-19 health screening questions is “no.” Signage with the questions is located on the exterior of the courthouse near the entrance doors. If the answer to any of the screening questions is “yes,” the visitor should not enter the courthouse.

The requirements for entry into a building hosting an in-person proceeding outside Washington, D.C. may vary with location. Visitors are responsible for verifying and complying with building entry requirements. **For the most up-to-date information, visitors should check the relevant building’s website for entry requirements.**

## Contactless Check-in for Contact Tracing

To support contact tracing, prior to entry into the courtroom, visitors must register attendance via QR Code. The QR Code will be posted outside the courtroom so that all trial visitors may access the registration form from a mobile device. The presiding judge may also disseminate the QR Code to trial participants in advance of trial.

## Face Coverings

Generally, masks are not required in the Washington, D.C. courthouse and for Court proceedings in other locations. In accordance with the CDC guidance, however, entrants should wear a high-quality mask or respirator when in the courthouse and for Court proceedings in other locations if they are within 10 full days after exposure to COVID-19 or told by a healthcare provider or public health authority that they were exposed, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection.

For entrants who do not have COVID-19 or are more than 10 full days past exposure, the Court follows the CDC’s Community Level guidance for the Washington, D.C. courthouse. If the COVID-19 Community Level is “Medium,” the CDC advises individuals to consult a healthcare provider about whether to wear a mask if the individual is at high risk for severe illness. If the COVID-19 Community Level is classified as “High,” in Washington, D.C., all entrants, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a well-fitting mask in the Washington, D.C. courthouse in accordance with CDC guidance.

The Court follows the mask requirements in place for the buildings where the Court conducts proceedings in other locations.

Before coming to the Washington, D.C. courthouse or other Court proceeding location, all entrants should check the [COVID-19 County Check](#) for the appropriate Community Level to determine face covering requirements. All entrants are responsible for providing their own properly fitting mask and wearing it as required.

## Courtroom Procedures

Trials are conducted in a manner that allows trial participants and observers increased space and distance.