

**COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Oral Arguments before the
Hawai'i Supreme Court and Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals**

Effective April 11, 2023

(supersedes the oral argument protocols made effective January 3, 2023)

In-person oral arguments have resumed in the Hawai'i Supreme Court and the Intermediate Court of Appeals as of January 1, 2022. To ensure the continued safety of all participants, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Everyone entering Ali'iolani Hale to attend oral argument must adhere to the building entry and screening requirements, which includes symptom-free conditions (e.g., no fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or other symptoms of respiratory illness) and no positive COVID-19 test result within 5 days of entry into the building. Additionally, everyone entering Ali'iolani Hale will undergo a contactless temperature check at the time of entry. No one will be allowed into the building with a temperature over 100.4°F.
2. Members of the public will be allowed to attend oral argument, subject to building entry and screening requirements and capacity restrictions.
3. Face coverings are no longer required. However, in the event that circumstances warrant, the Chief Justice, Chief Clerk, Presiding Judge in an Oral Argument by the Intermediate Court of Appeals, or the Administrative Director of the Courts may require face coverings.
4. Polycarbonate sheets have been constructed around the front and sides of the bailiff and law clerk seating area, and may be used to cover the top surface of the podium.
5. Air cleaners will operate throughout the courtroom.
6. There will be enhanced cleaning of key surfaces throughout the courtroom.