



## *Court of Appeal of Quebec*

### **Directive of February 28, 2022 regarding the wearing of medical masks in courtrooms**

As a result of changes in the health guidelines, the Court of Appeal has revised its directive regarding the wearing of medical masks in its courtrooms.

Therefore, **as of February 28, 2022**, the medical mask may be removed in a courtroom if you are seated and not speaking and provided that the two-metre physical distancing is maintained or a physical barrier is present.

In addition, when counsel or litigants are addressing a judge or the Court, they may remove their masks.

Wearing a medical mask nevertheless remains mandatory when moving around in a courtroom.

The Court of Appeal is counting on everyone's cooperation to maintain its judicial activities. To that end, please:

- Limit your movements within the courtrooms;
- Respect the ceiling on the maximum number of people permitted to be inside a courtroom;
- Wear a medical mask in accordance with this directive.

Finally, please note that, in accordance with the directive issued by the Sous-ministériat des services à l'organisation of the Ministère de la Justice, it is still mandatory to wear a mask in the common areas of courthouses.