

Policies for In-Person Proceedings at Judicial Arbiter Group

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

(Policies are subject to change based on COVID-19/variants health concerns at the time of the proceeding.)

Due to COVID-19 and variants, Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc. (JAG) has implemented guidelines and expectations for anyone who will be attending any proceeding at JAG, including all JAG staff. For your safety, and the safety of everyone, these policies are strictly enforced. Please read them over carefully and distribute them to everyone that will be in attendance the day of the proceeding. In the alternative, JAG arbiters can conduct proceedings via Zoom. If that is preferred, contact us for further details.

Everyone must be fully vaccinated to enter the JAG offices.

If you are fully vaccinated, but do not have proof:

- You will be screened for temperature and asked health screening questions (see below for questionnaire and assumption of risk) in the main lobby of the building. If you do not meet the health criteria you will not be allowed to participate in the settlement conference.
- You will have to self-administer a rapid COVID test and report the results to a JAG representative.

You are not *required* to wear a mask. We do however continue to recommend that you do so. If you do not have one, we will provide you with one if you would like.

Please maintain social distancing (6+ feet apart) at all times. Go directly to your assigned conference room and only move about the office when absolutely necessary. Please do not congregate in communal areas or coffee bars.

Restrooms are high traffic areas where social distancing may be hard to maintain. Only one person may be in the restroom at any time.

Conference room doors will remain open to facilitate air flow. Parties in the same case will be separated to maintain confidentiality of conversations.

We will only be providing coffee and drinks in the coffee bars. Snacks and lunch will be delivered in separate containers to each conference room.

COVID-19/VARIANT QUESTIONNAIRE | Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc.

TO BE COMPLETED UPON ARRIVAL AT JAG OFFICE

Case #: _____ P ___ or D___ Room # P_____ D_____

Are you fully vaccinated? Yes ___ No ___ Show proof to screener _____

IF YOU ARE *NOT* FULLY VACCINATED YOU MAY NOT ENTER OUR OFFICES AT THIS TIME.

IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED BUT DO NOT HAVE PROOF, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Have you had a fever within the previous 72 hours (fever is defined as a temperature above 100.4 degrees)? Yes: _____ No: _____

Current temperature: _____ Taken by: _____

Have you been diagnosed with or exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within the previous 14 days (symptoms include fever, a cough, headache, sore throat, stomach ache, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste/smell, etc.)? Yes: _____ No: _____

Have you been in close proximity with anyone diagnosed with or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 within the previous 14 days? Yes: _____ No: _____

Do you or anyone under your care fall under the category of immunocompromised (i.e. persons with a weakened immune system)? Yes: _____ No: _____

Have you traveled via air travel within the previous 14 days? Yes: _____ No: _____

Attorneys/Clients responding "yes" to any of the above questions should not be permitted into Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc.'s offices until their situation is further researched and cleared by the Arbiter.

I certify under oath that I am fully vaccinated but am unable to show proof at this time. I will submit to a self-administered rapid COVID test and provide the results to JAG staff.

By: _____ Witnessed by: _____
Client/Attorney

Cleared for entry: Yes: _____ No: _____ By: _____

Assumption of Risk, Release, and Waiver of Liability Agreement

I agree that while Judicial Arbitrator Group (JAG) has undertaken reasonable steps to lessen the risk of transmission of COVID-19 (and any variants, hereinafter generically referred to as "COVID") in connection with the provision of in-person alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services¹, JAG is not responsible in any manner for any risks related to COVID in connection with the ADR services. I have been offered alternatives to in-person ADR services, including proceedings by ZOOM. I have requested in-person ADR services. If I am a witness, I understand I can request that I testify remotely by ZOOM, or another virtual platform. I have chosen to appear in person.

I understand that the World Health Organization has classified the COVID outbreak as a pandemic. I further understand that COVID is a highly contagious and dangerous disease, and that contact with the virus that causes COVID may result in significant personal injury or death. I am fully aware that participation in the in-person ADR carries with it certain inherent risks related to COVID transmission and infection that cannot be eliminated, regardless of the care taken to avoid such risks. Knowing that my options include a virtual ADR event, instead of an in-person event and knowing the inherent risks of participating in an in-person event, I wish to attend this ADR event in person. I understand by so doing I am releasing JAG, its employees and agents from any liability if I contract COVID by attending the in-person ADR event. I UNDERSTAND I AM PERSONALLY ASSUMING ANY RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID BY ATTENDING THIS IN-PERSON ADR EVENT. This assumption of risk also applies to any self-administered rapid COVID test I may be asked to provide. If I don't want to take the test and provide the test results to the JAG staff, I will not be admitted to the ADR event, but will be able to attend by ZOOM. This COVID and COVID rapid test Assumption of Risk, Release, and Waiver of Liability Agreement ("Agreement") shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns. I agree that I have read and fully understand this agreement and the rights I am giving up by signing below. If I don't want to sign and waive these rights, I understand I can attend the ADR event by ZOOM.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

¹ Although not technically ADR services, this release applies to Judge Pro Tem and Special Master proceedings and all other services of JAG including mock trials, focus groups etc.