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SUPERIOR COURT OF
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RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT REINSTITUTES MANDATORY MASK POLICY FOR THE PUBLIC

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

In response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases, and to maximize protection from the COVID-19 Delta variant, on July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance recommending that fully vaccinated persons wear a face covering in public indoor settings. The California Department of Public Health, and the Riverside County Public Health Department have both aligned with the CDC recommendation.

Effective August 9, 2021, by Court order, all members of the public, including litigants, attorneys, jurors, justice partners, vendors and security personnel will be required to wear a face covering at all times while inside the courthouse. Court employees are exempt from this provision and are abiding by CAL/OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS).

Face coverings must have at least two layers of material and must fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin, hooking around the ears or secured behind the head. Single layer neck gaiters, face coverings with an exhalation valve, and face shields (without the two-layered face covering underneath) are not permitted. Children under the age of two (2) are exempt from this order.

Any person with a disability may seek an exemption from the Court's order as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, or Rule 1.100 of the Cal. Rules of Court. To request an accommodation please contact the Court's ADA coordinator at www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/GeneralInfo/ADA/ADA.php. To reduce the risk of infection, individuals exempted from wearing a face covering may have their matter scheduled at a time when there are fewer people in court.

Non-exempt individuals who decline or refuse to wear a face covering will be denied entry to the courthouse or courtroom. Non-exempt individuals who remove their face covering after entering the courthouse or courtroom may be denied services, have their legal matter rescheduled, and/or will be asked to leave the courthouse.

For more information, please visit the Court's website at www.riverside.courts.ca.gov.

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