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RE: SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS

GENERAL ORDER NO.: 2020-69

The COVID-19 virus continues as a life-threatening pandemic throughout the world, country, state, and local jurisdictions. In furtherance of its efforts to protect the health and well-being of litigants, attorneys, jurors, the general public, court staff and judicial officers, the Riverside Superior Court (Court) has implemented protocols designed to help protect against spread of the virus. However, recently there has been unprecedented rise in the number of COVID-19 cases resulting in a dramatic increase in hospitalizations at a rate that threatens to overwhelm the hospital system. In response, on December 3, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a Regional Stay-At-Home-Order (Order) that would be applicable once a designated region falls below 15% of ICU bed capacity, which then subjects the counties within the region to the restrictive terms set forth in the Order, for a minimum of three weeks. The County of Riverside is assigned to the Southern California Region. On December 6, 2020, the Southern California Region fell below the 15% ICU bed capacity threshold, triggering application of the Order to the County of Riverside.

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