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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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RE: ACCESS TO COURT FACILITIES

GENERAL ORDER NO.: 2021-24

In March 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California declared a statewide state of emergency, the President of the United States declared a national emergency, and the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a countywide emergency.

On March 8, 2020, and April 29, 2020, the Riverside County Public Health Officer issued an order requiring all persons to wear face coverings in public settings and to practice social distancing in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

On May 6, 2020, pursuant to guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control, which was intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19, this Court issued an order requiring all persons entering a court facility to wear a face covering and maintain social distancing of six (6) feet. The Court subsequently issued General Orders 2020-67 and 2020-72, which, among other things, reiterated the requirements of face coverings and social distancing.

1 The State of California has now made significant progress in vaccinating individuals, and
2 has notably reduced community transmission of COVID-19. On June 11, 2021, Governor Gavin
3 Newsom issued Executive Orders N-07-21 and N-08-21, and the State Public Health Officer
4 issued an order rescinding the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, substantially reducing face
5 covering requirements for fully vaccinated¹ individuals, and removing social distancing
6 requirements effective June 15, 2021.

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8 On June 15, 2021, Governor Newsom fully reopened the state's economy allowing
9 businesses and public entities, including the Court, to generally return to pre-pandemic
10 operations.

11 On June 17, 2021, the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board
12 (Cal/OSHA) adopted its revised Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS), which establishes
13 workplace safety requirements for employers related to the COVID-19 coronavirus. As
14 established by the Cal/OSHA ETS, the Court's return to normal operations is subject to ongoing
15 risk-reduction measures, **including requiring face coverings for individuals who have not**
16 **been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.**

17 For those entering a court facility, the court will comply with the guidance from county,
18 state, and federal health authorities, including, but not limited to, requiring face coverings
19 consistent with applicable guidance that prohibits individuals from entering if they are
20 experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, continuing enhanced cleaning measures, and providing hand
21 sanitizer kiosks.

22 For good cause and pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §128, Government Code §68070,
23 Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603, the inherent powers of the Court (*In re Reno* (2012) 55 Cal.4th
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27 ¹ The Centers for Disease Control provide that an individual is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their
28 second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single dose vaccine,
such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

1 428, 522), and in compliance with federal, state and local guidelines, the Court hereby finds and
2 orders as follows:

3 1. General Orders 2020-42, 2020-67, and 2020-72, are rescinded.

4 2. All members of the public entering into a court facility are subject to the following:

5 a. Fully vaccinated members of the public, including but not limited to law
6 enforcement, attorneys, parties, and vendors, are not required to wear a face
7 covering while inside a court facility.

8 b. Members of the public who have not been fully vaccinated, including but not
9 limited to law enforcement, attorneys, parties, and vendors, must wear a face
10 covering. Children under the age of two are exempt from this order.

11 c. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and decline to wear a face covering
12 will be denied entry to the courthouse or courtroom.

13 3. Any face covering required by this order must cover the person's nose, mouth, and
14 chin, hooking around the ears or secured behind the head. Single layer neck gaiters, face
15 coverings with an exhalation valve, and face shields (without the two-layered face covering
16 underneath) are not permitted.

17 4. Social distancing of six (6) feet shall no longer be enforced in any court facility,
18 including courtrooms or public areas.

19 5. Unvaccinated individuals with a disability who seek an exemption from this order as
20 a reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, or Rule 1.100 of
21 the Cal. Rules of Court, may contact the Court's ADA coordinator at
22 www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/General Info/ADA/ADA.php.

23 6. It is a violation of this order for any individual who is required to wear a face covering
24 to enter into a court facility without wearing a face covering, or to remove their face covering,
25 while in a court facility.

26 7. This order does not restrict or otherwise abrogate the express or inherent authority of
27 the Court and its judicial officers to provide for the orderly conduct of proceedings.
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8. The Court reserves the authority to rescind or modify any part of this order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances.

9. This order is effective July 6, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: 6/28/21



JOHN M. MONTEROSSO
Presiding Judge