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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGOIN RE: FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN
COURTHOUSES AND TEMPERATURE
SCREENINGGENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT

ORDER NO. 051420-52

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the California declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. In response to the pandemic, the court has been closed to the public and has suspended its services, except for certain time-sensitive and essential functions. (See General Orders of the Presiding Department, Ord. Nos. 031820-34, 040320-39, 043020-47.) Pursuant to the authority set forth in General Order 043020-47, as well as the Order of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations dated May 9, 2020, effective May 10, 2020, and in order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, and law enforcement officers, the court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All persons, including court staff and judicial officers, who enter the courthouse must wear a face covering as described in California Department of Public Health Face Coverings Guidance issued on April 1, 2020 (available at: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx>), at all times while in the courthouse. "All persons" is defined as persons

1 who are two years old or older. (See Order of the Health Officer and Emergency
2 Regulations dated May 9, 2020, effective May 10, 2020, at ¶ 9.) Persons with a medical
3 or mental health condition, or developmental disability that prevents wearing a face
4 covering will be exempt from this requirement. Any non-exempt person without a face
5 covering may be denied entry to the courthouse or courtroom.

- 6 2. To be permitted into the courthouse, all persons, including court staff and judicial
7 officers, must submit to temperature screening. The temperature screening is being
8 coordinated with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Temperature screening
9 will be conducted Monday through Friday, with the hours varied depending on
10 location. No individual will enter the courthouse with a temperature of 100 degrees or
11 more.

12 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**
13 **UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE.**

14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 DATED: 5-14, 2020

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19 **HON. LORNA A. ALKSNE**
20 **PRESIDING JUDGE**
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