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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

**IN RE: FACE-COVERING AND
SCREENING REQUIREMENTS**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

ORDER NO. 071620-75

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant health and safety concerns nationally, throughout the State of California, and in San Diego County.

In response to the pandemic, the court was closed to the public and suspended services, except for certain time-sensitive and essential functions, from March 17 to May 22, 2020. (See General Orders of the Presiding Department, Ord. Nos. 031820-34, 040320-39, and 043020-47.) The court resumed most services on May 26, 2020; however, with community spread of COVID-19 still a concern, many services have been and will continue to be provided remotely.

For those who must enter the court's facilities, the court will comply with the guidance from county, state, and federal health authorities, including, but not limited to, conducting symptom screenings, requiring face coverings, enforcing social distancing, implementing increased cleaning measures, and providing hand sanitizer kiosks.

For good cause and pursuant to the court's inherent supervisory and administrative authority, as well as the Presiding Judge's duty to promote access to justice for all members of the

1 public, taking into account the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and
2 effective management of the court (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603), and in order to protect the
3 health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, parties, attorneys, witnesses, and
4 law enforcement officers, this court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

5 Until further notice, the court will comply with guidance from county, state, and federal
6 health authorities and impose COVID-19 preventative control measures and symptom screening,
7 including, but not limited to, the following:

- 8 1. All persons, including court staff and judicial officers, who enter the courthouse must
9 have in their possession and wear a face covering consistent with the requirements of
10 the California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings
11 issued on June 18, 2020 (available at:
12 <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/C>
13 [OVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/C)). Specifically, face
14 coverings must be worn by all persons when they are inside of, or in line to enter, any
15 indoor public space. Additionally, court staff and judicial officers must wear face
16 coverings when engaged in work when (1) interacting in-person with any member of
17 the public; (2) working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of
18 whether anyone from the public is present at the time; (3) working in or walking
19 through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities;
20 and (4) in any room or enclosed area where other people are present when unable to
21 maintain 6 feet of physical distance. “All persons” is defined as persons who are two
22 years old or older. (See County of San Diego Order of the Health Officer and
23 Emergency Regulations, effective June 19, 2020, at ¶ 9.) Persons with a medical or
24 mental health condition or developmental disability that prevents wearing a face
25 covering will be exempt from this requirement. Any non-exempt person without a face
26 covering may be denied entry to the courthouse or courtroom.
27 2. In addition to paragraph 1, all persons, including court staff and judicial officers, must
28 wear a face covering at all times in any courtroom in the Juvenile Courthouse.

- 1 3. To be permitted into the courthouse, all persons, including court staff and judicial
2 officers, must submit to temperature screening. The temperature screening is being
3 coordinated with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Temperature screening
4 will be conducted Monday through Friday, with the hours varied depending on location.
5 No individual will be permitted to enter the courthouse with a temperature of 100
6 degrees or more.
- 7 4. No person will be permitted to enter the courthouse if that person is exhibiting COVID-
8 19 symptoms as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC")
9 (available at: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)
10 [testing/symptoms.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)), which currently include, but are not limited to, fever or chills,
11 cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches,
12 headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or
13 vomiting, or diarrhea.
- 14 5. No person will be permitted to enter the courthouse if, within the fourteen days prior,
15 that person has traveled from an international location identified on the CDC Warning
16 Level 2 or 3 Travel Advisory (available at: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html)
17 [ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html)), which currently includes all international
18 travel.
- 19 6. Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be enforced in all courthouses, courtrooms,
20 business offices, and public areas to the extent possible.

21 Paragraph two (2) of the General Order of the Presiding Department of the San Diego
22 Superior Court, In Re: Restricted Public Access; Face-Covering and Temperature-Screening
23 Requirements; and Livestream Broadcasting, Order No. 052220-54, is rescinded as moot. All
24 remaining provisions of General Order 052220-54 shall remain in full force and effect.

25 Paragraph two (2) of the General Order of the Presiding Department of the San Diego
26 Superior Court, In Re: Extension of Criminal Trials and Modifications to Public Access Order,
27 Order No. 061220-63, is rescinded as moot. All remaining provisions of General Order 061220-
28 63 shall remain in full force and effect.

1 General Order of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior Court, In Re:
2 Modifications to Face-Covering Requirement, Order No. 061920-68 is rescinded as moot.

3 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND MAY BE AMENDED AS**
4 **CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

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7 DATED: July 16, 2020



8 **HON. LORNA A. ALKSNE**
9 **PRESIDING JUDGE**