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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CENTRAL DIVISION

IN RE: FACE-COVERINGS

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ORDER NO. 061421-75

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 health and safety concerns associated with the pandemic, along with the State of California and County of San Diego public health orders issued in response thereto, have caused substantial operational changes for the court.

The State of California has made significant progress in vaccinating individuals and reducing community transmission of COVID-19. On June 15, 20201, the State of California will fully reopen its economy and allow businesses and public entities, including the court, to generally return to usual operations, subject to some ongoing risk-reduction measures such as requiring face coverings for unvaccinated individuals.

For those who enter the court's facilities, the court will comply with the guidance from county, state, and federal health authorities, including, but not limited to, requiring face coverings

¹ CDPH Guidance is available at: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx.

consistent with applicable guidance, prohibiting individuals from entering if they are subject to an isolation or quarantine order or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, continuing 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 public, taking into account the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603), and in order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, parties, attorneys, witnesses, and law enforcement officers, this court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Effective June 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., and until further notice, the court will comply with guidance from county, state, and federal health authorities and impose COVID-19 risk-reduction measures as follows:

- 1. For individuals who are not court employees: Face coverings are optional for fully vaccinated individuals, and face coverings are required for unvaccinated individuals. Any individual not wearing a face covering inside a court facility is self-attesting that they are vaccinated in compliance with the requirements of the California Department of Public Health Guidance ("CDPH Guidance") for the Use of Face Coverings issued on June 9, 2021. Persons younger than two years old are exempt from wearing a face covering. Unvaccinated persons exempted by the CDPH Guidance, such as those with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering, will be assisted outside the courthouse or provided with an alternative accommodation. Any unvaccinated person without a face covering may be denied entry to, or removed from, the courthouse or courtroom.
- 2. <u>For court employees</u>: Court employees must wear face coverings in accordance with the current Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards.

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3. All persons, including court staff and judicial officers, are required to self-evaluate for symptoms and may not enter the courthouse if they are subject to an isolation or quarantine order or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") (available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), which currently include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

4. This order does not restrict or otherwise abrogate the express and inherent authority of the court and its judges to provide for the orderly conduct of proceedings, control in the furtherance of justice the conduct of persons connected with judicial proceedings, or to control processes and orders so as to make them conform to law and justice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 14, 2021

HONORABLE LORNA A. ALKSNE PRESIDING JUDGE