

1 SUPERIOR COURT  
2 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
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4 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302  
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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
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11 IN RE:

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13 SECOND AMENDMENT TO GENERAL  
14 ORDER:

15 FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL  
16 DISTANCE  
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GENERAL ORDER OF THE  
PRESIDING JUDGE

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19 Public health agencies, including the CDC, the California Department of Public  
20 Health, and local county health departments have recommended that essential  
21 businesses maintain stringent health and safety measures targeted at reducing the  
22 spread of COVID-19. On June 18, 2020, the California Department of Public Health  
23 (Department) issued guidance mandating that, subject to certain exemptions, all people  
24 in California must wear face coverings in any indoor public space, when engaged in  
25 work, and while outdoors in public spaces. The Department also requires persons to  
26 maintain social distancing of at least six feet between people, when feasible.  
27 Additionally, in her March 17, 2020 statewide order, Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye  
28 permitted courts to make changes in court operations during this pandemic to protect

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1 the health and safety of the public, court personnel, and criminal defendants brought  
2 before the court.

3           Consequently, pursuant to the Department's June 18, 2020 Guidance, California  
4 Rule of Court, Rule 10.603 and the Chief Justice's March 17, 2020 statewide order, the  
5 court HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

6           Effective immediately, and continuing until further notice, all judicial officers,  
7 court employees, members of the public, members of the media, vendors, justice  
8 partners, law enforcement personnel, and any other person entering into any  
9 courthouse must wear a face covering at all times while in and on the courthouse  
10 premises. Examples of permissible face coverings include, but are not limited to, cloth  
11 face masks, bandanas, neck gaiters, and face shields. Permissible face coverings are  
12 those that completely cover the nose and mouth. Face shields are permissible face  
13 coverings if they have a drape on the bottom edge. Please visit the court's website at  
14 [www.sb-court.org/covid-19](http://www.sb-court.org/covid-19) to view the State of California's Guidance for the Use of  
15 Face Coverings.

16           Face coverings are not required for children aged 2 years or younger. Persons  
17 with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a  
18 face mask, bandana, or neck gaiter should consider wearing a non-restrictive  
19 alternative such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, if their condition  
20 permits it. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that  
21 prevents them from wearing a face covering may request accommodations by  
22 submitting Judicial Council form MC-410, Request for Accommodations by Persons  
23 with Disabilities and Response form in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rule  
24 1.100(c)(1). Requests for accommodations must include a description of the  
25 accommodation sought, along with a statement of the impairment that necessitates the  
26 accommodation. Requests must be made no fewer than 5 court days before the  
27 scheduled hearing date, although the court may, in its discretion, waive this  
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1 requirement. (Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(3).) More information regarding  
2 requests for accommodations can be found on the court's website.

3 Further, to the extent feasible, social distance protocols of six feet distance  
4 between persons will be strictly enforced in the courthouse and in courtrooms. The San  
5 Bernardino County Sheriff and court security staff are hereby authorized to determine  
6 appropriate lengths of social distance between persons, and whether a person's face  
7 covering complies with the terms of this general order. The San Bernardino County  
8 Sheriff is further authorized to remove persons who refuse to comply with this order  
9 from the court premises.

10 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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12 Dated: August 12, 2020

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17 MICHAEL A. SACHS  
18 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court