

1 SUPERIOR COURT
2 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor
3 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 AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER:
14 FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL
15 DISTANCE
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GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING JUDGE

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

3 Consequently, pursuant to the Department's June 18, 2020 Guidance,
4 California Rule of Court, Rule 10.603 and the Chief Justice's March 17, 2020 statewide
5 order, the 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. Face masks and face shields are acceptable face coverings. Face coverings
11 are not required for children aged 2 years or younger. Persons with a medical
12 condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering
13 may wear a non-restrictive alternative such as a face shield, as long as their condition
14 permits it. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that
15 prevents wearing a face covering may request accommodations by submitting Judicial
16 Council form MC-410, Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and
17 Response form in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(1).
18 Requests for accommodations must include a description of the accommodation
19 sought, along with a statement of the impairment that necessitates the
20 accommodation. Requests must be made no fewer than 5 court days before the
21 scheduled hearing date, although the court may, in its discretion, waive this
22 requirement. (Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(3).)

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

3 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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5 Dated: July 23, 2020

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10 MICHAEL A. SACHS
11 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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