

1 SUPERIOR COURT
2 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor
3 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302
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6 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
7 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**
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9 IN RE:

10 MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE
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} GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING JUDGE

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

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

1 Effective immediately, and continuing until further notice, all judicial officers,
2 court employees, members of the public, members of the media, vendors, justice
3 partners, law enforcement personnel, and any other person entering into any
4 courthouse must wear a face covering at all times while in and on the courthouse
5 premises. Face coverings are not required for children aged 2 years or younger.
6 Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents
7 wearing a face covering should wear a non-restrictive alternative such as a face shield
8 with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it. Persons with a
9 medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face
10 covering may request accommodations by submitting Judicial Council form MC-410,
11 Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response form in
12 accordance with California Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(1). Requests for
13 accommodations must include a description of the accommodation sought, along with a
14 statement of the impairment that necessitates the accommodation. Requests must be
15 made no fewer than 5 court days before the scheduled hearing date, although the court
16 may, in its discretion, waive this requirement. (Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(3).)

17 Further, to the extent feasible, social distance protocols of six feet distance
18 between persons will be strictly enforced in the courthouse and in courtrooms. The San
19 Bernardino County Sheriff and court security staff are hereby authorized to determine
20 appropriate lengths of social distance between persons. Persons who refuse to comply
21 with this order will be required to leave the court premises.

22 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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24 Dated: June 19, 2020

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MICHAEL A. SACHS
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court