SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

IN RE:

THIRD AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDER:

FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE

GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

GENERAL ORDER #GO-30

Public health agencies, including the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended that essential businesses maintain stringent health and safety measures targeted at reducing the spread of COVID-19. On June 15, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (Department) issued guidance mandating that, subject to certain exemptions, all people in California must wear face coverings in any indoor public space, when engaged in work, and while outdoors in public spaces. The Department discontinued the requirement for social distancing of at least six feet between people, when feasible in certain situations. Cal/OSHA, on June 17, 2021, issued similar Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) to all employers/employees. Additionally, in her March 17, 2020

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 statewide order, Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye permitted courts to make changes in court operations during this pandemic to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, and criminal defendants brought before the court.

Consequently, pursuant to the Department's June 15, 2021 Guidance, Cal/OSHA ETS issued June 17, 2021, California Rule of Court, Rule 10.603 and the Chief Justice's March 17, 2020 statewide order, the court HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Effective immediately, and continuing until further notice, all judicial officers, court employees, members of the public, members of the media, vendors, justice partners, law enforcement personnel, and any other person entering into any courthouse must wear a face covering at all times while in and on the courthouse premises unless proof of vaccination is provided to Court. Examples of permissible face coverings include cloth face masks, surgical masks and N95 masks upon approved training. Please visit the court's website at www.sb-court.org/covid-19 to view the State of California's Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

Face coverings are not required for children aged 2 years or younger. Children registered to the Children's Waiting Room and all those entering the Children's Waiting Room must wear face coverings at all times. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering may request accommodations by submitting Judicial Council form MC-410, Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response form in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(1). Requests for accommodations must include a description of the accommodation sought, along with a statement of the impairment that necessitates the accommodation. Requests must be made no fewer than 5 court days before the scheduled hearing date, although the court may, in its discretion, waive this requirement. (Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(3).) More information regarding requests for accommodations can be found on the court's website.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff and court security staff are authorized to determine whether a person's face covering complies with the terms of this General Order. The San Bernardino County Sheriff is further authorized to remove persons who refuse to comply with this order from the court premises.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE July 6, 2021 and until further ordered.

Dated: June 30, 2021

MICHAEL A. SACHS

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court