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County of Sonoma
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SONOMA

ORDER
Order of the Presiding Judge

In recognition of the State of California and the County of Sonoma lifting the universal mask requirement beginning on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) modifying its guidance regarding masking as of February 25, 2022, the Sonoma County Superior Court will adopt the following order to align with the State, the County and the CDC.

This order revokes and supersedes the Order of the Presiding Judge concerning Covid-19 matters dated February 15, 2022. This order is effective March 1, 2022.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All **unvaccinated** persons entering any Sonoma County Superior Courthouse, including a remote jury selection location, shall wear a face covering at all times compliant with all California State Health Orders and CAL/OSHA standards which must completely cover both the nose and mouth. "Face covering" means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source) that completely covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they shall have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers. A face covering is a solid piece of

1 material without slits, visible holes, or punctures, and must fit snugly over the nose,
2 mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face. A face covering does not
3 include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.
4 This definition includes clear face coverings or cloth face coverings with a clear plastic
5 panel that, despite the non-cloth material allowing light to pass through, otherwise meet
6 this definition and which may be used to facilitate communication with people who are
7 deaf or hard-of-hearing or others who need to see a speaker's mouth or facial expressions
8 to understand speech or sign language respectively.

- 9 2. Persons are considered vaccinated two weeks after the final dose in a primary series of
10 vaccinations.
- 11 3. Each judicial officer retains the discretion to order witnesses to briefly remove a mask for
12 purposes of identification.
- 13 4. A judicial officer in any trial that commenced prior to the change of the masking order
14 shall retain the discretion to continue orders regarding masking for the duration of the
15 trial.
- 16 5. All Civil Jury trials not currently in progress shall be continued to a date after March 31,
17 2022, except cases set for jury trial with a statutory preference, or cases with a trial date
18 set within 180 days of the deadline to bring the action to trial pursuant to Code of Civil
19 Procedure §583.310. Code of Civil Procedure §599 shall apply to extend any deadlines to
20 the continued date that have not already passed as of March 19, 2020. Parties shall appear
21 at the date currently set for trial to obtain a new trial date.
- 22 6. The Sonoma County Emergency Bail schedule shall remain in effect until further order of
23 the Presiding Judge.
- 24 7. Any judicial officer shall have the authority to order any person removed from the
25 courthouse for failure to follow these orders, or if the judicial officer observes COVID-
26 19-like symptoms.

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8. The Order of the Presiding Judge regarding Courtroom Proceedings via Zoom dated November 12, 2020, shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply to any and all remote appearances indefinitely.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 28, 2022



SHELLY J. AVERILL
PRESIDING JUDGE
SONOMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT