

1 **SUPERIOR COURT**  
2 **COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
3 247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor  
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 FOURTH AMENDMENT TO GENERAL  
14 ORDER:

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

} EMER ORDER 34

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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 15, 2021, 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 discontinued the  
26 requirement for social distancing of at least six feet between people, when feasible in  
27 certain situations. Cal/OSHA, on June 17, 2021, issued similar Emergency Temporary  
28 Standards (ETS) to all employers/employees. Additionally, in her March 17, 2020,

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

4 On June 30, 2021, the Presiding Judge issued a Third Amendment to General  
5 Order Regarding Face Coverings and Social Distance which required as of July 6,  
6 2021, all judicial officers, court employees, members of the public, members of the  
7 media, vendors, justice partners, law enforcement personnel, and any other person  
8 entering into any courthouse must wear a face covering at all times while in and on the  
9 courthouse premises unless proof of vaccination was provided to Court. However, since  
10 that General Order was issued, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases and COVID-  
11 19-related deaths in San Bernardino County has increased to levels last seen in Spring  
12 2021. The court must balance access to justice with protecting the health and safety of  
13 the public, judicial officers, staff, vendors, jurors, Sheriff's department staff, and  
14 inmates.

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

19 Effective immediately, and continuing until further notice, all judicial officers,  
20 court employees, members of the public, members of the media, vendors, justice  
21 partners, law enforcement personnel, and any other person entering into any  
22 courthouse must wear a face covering at all times while in and on the courthouse  
23 premises, regardless of vaccination status. Examples of permissible face coverings  
24 include cloth face masks, surgical masks and N95 masks upon approved training.  
25 Please visit the court's website at [www.sb-court.org/covid-19](http://www.sb-court.org/covid-19) to view the State of  
26 California's Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings.

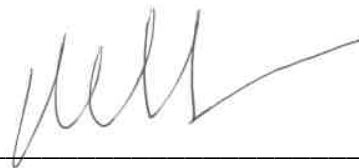
27 Face coverings are not required for children aged 2 years or younger. Children  
28 registered to the Children's Waiting Room and all those entering the Children's Waiting

1 Room must wear face coverings at all times. Persons with a medical condition, mental  
2 health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering may  
3 request accommodations by submitting Judicial Council form MC-410, Request for  
4 Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response form in accordance with  
5 California Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(1). Requests for accommodations must include  
6 a description of the accommodation sought, along with a statement of the impairment  
7 that necessitates the accommodation. Requests must be made no fewer than 5 court  
8 days before the scheduled hearing date, although the court may, in its discretion, waive  
9 this requirement. (Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 1.100(c)(3).) More information regarding  
10 requests for accommodations can be found on the court's website.

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

15 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE July 26, 2021 and until further ordered.

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17 Dated: July 21, 2021

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MICHAEL A. SACHS  
23 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
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