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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF TULARE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
PRESIDING JUDGE RE: COVID-19  
PANDEMIC

GENERAL ORDER  
FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED  
IN PUBLIC AREAS OF  
COURT FACILITIES

No. 20-09

The COVID-19 virus epidemic and subsequent federal, state, and local declarations of a public health emergency continue to adversely impact the court's ability to conduct operations while protecting the safety of court users as directed by limiting personal contacts and maintaining personal distancing. In response to ongoing public risks from the virus, the Governor of the State of California on June 18, 2020 issued an order requiring all persons in California to wear face coverings when inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space.<sup>1</sup> The Tulare County Superior Court operates facilities with numerous public spaces including public hallways and courtrooms. As such, courthouses are contemplated by the Governor's order and the court is required to comply with the Governor's June 18, 2020 mandate.

<sup>1</sup> California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings, June 18, 2020.

1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

2 All persons, including judicial officers, court staff, attorneys, litigants, witnesses, victims,  
3 TCSO bailiffs, vendors, and members of the public must wear face coverings upon entering any  
4 Tulare County Superior Court facility. Any person not wearing a face covering will be denied entry  
5 unless such person can establish an exemption specified in the Governor's June 18, 2020 order. Any  
6 person requesting an exemption must complete and submit the MC-410 "Request for  
7 Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response" form. Persons exempt from face  
8 covering requirement may have their hearings delayed or continued to a time when fewer people are  
9 present.  
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11 At all times while in public areas of court facilities, all persons must wear face coverings.  
12 Public areas include courtrooms, all public hallways, public restrooms, jury assembly rooms, public  
13 elevators and stairwells, public waiting areas, and areas of all court offices accessible to the public.  
14 Persons who remove face coverings after entering the courthouse will initially be reminded to wear  
15 them. If they refuse, they may be denied court services, may have their matters rescheduled, and will  
16 be asked to leave the courthouse immediately. Persons who fail to comply will be escorted out of the  
17 courthouse.  
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19 Any person appearing as a party in a court proceeding who does not wish to wear a face  
20 covering must make arrangements, in advance, to appear remotely or obtain a continuance.  
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22 All inmates and in-custody defendants being transported to the court must wear face  
23 coverings before entering any public space in the courthouse. Such persons must wear face coverings  
24 while in any courtroom and in any other public areas of court facilities where others may be present.

25 Any judge of the court may modify face covering requirements as necessary to enable court  
26 proceedings to be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner (e.g., to enable a witness to be clearly  
27 heard and understood) while protecting the safety of persons in the courtroom.  
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THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE GOVERNOR'S JUNE 18, 2020 ORDER IS RESCINDED. THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

Date: June 22, 2020



BRETT R. ALLDREDGE  
Presiding Judge of the Tulare County Superior Court



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