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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

ORDER

**FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED TO ENTER AND REMAIN IN
COURTHOUSE/COURT FACILITIES**

On June 18, 2020, Governor Newsom, and the California Department of Public Health issued a mandate, which requires people to wear face coverings whenever indoors, with certain exceptions, and whenever outdoors and unable to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from non-household members.

Consistent with the Governor's order, and the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all persons must wear face coverings when inside the courthouse, entering the courthouse or when in line to enter the courthouse. This applies to any Sacramento Superior Court facility.

Any person who is not wearing an approved face covering will not be admitted into the courthouse. Court security will provide a surgical mask to anyone who does not have an approved face covering. If a person without an approved face covering refuses to wear a court-issued mask, that person shall not be admitted into the courthouse.

1 An approved face covering is a covering made of cloth, fabric or other soft or
2 permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose, mouth and chin. It can be secured to
3 the head with ties or straps or wrapped around the lower part of the face.

4 An approved cloth face covering will:

- 5 • Include multiple layers of tightly woven fabric; surgical mask, KN95 masks, etc
- 6 • Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; and
- 7 • Be secured with ties, ear loops, or wrap around the head (as with gaiter-style
8 masks).

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10 For cloth face coverings, the following would not be appropriate:

- 11 • Fabric that you can see through (not including plastic windows);
- 12 • Hosiery, gauze, hand knit/crochet, and other loosely woven materials; or
- 13 • Holding a towel, t-shirt, or other non-secured item over the face.

14 Any face covering with an exhalation valve does not meet the standards of this order.

15 Exhalation valves allow emission of particles from the wearer and put others nearby at risk.

16 These valves are typically raised plastic cylinders about the size of a quarter, on the front or
17 side of the mask.

18 The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face covering:

- 19 • Persons younger than two years old.
- 20 • Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that
21 prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical
22 condition for who wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are
23 otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance. A person
24 seeking this exemption is required to submit an application and required
25 documentation seeking an ADA exception to this order in advance. The
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person will be exempted from this order once the accommodation is approved by an ADA facility coordinator. However, people falling into this category will be required to wear a face shield.

This order is effective immediately. The order may be amended as circumstances warrant.

DATED: *9/21/2020*



RUSSELL L. HOM
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT