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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS IN COURTHOUSES

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The California Department of Public Health no longer recommends the universal use of face coverings indoors, where the community level of COVID is low or medium.

2. The Court recognizes that Santa Clara County has moved into a low level of community transmission, and that this level in Santa Clara and neighboring counties appears to have stabilized for some time. Consistent with current health recommendations, and in order to continue to protect the health and safety of the public, jurors, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, witnesses, law enforcement personnel, and all other court users, the Court issues this revised General Order to reiterate and emphasize the effectiveness of continued use of proper face coverings indoors. While the use of proper face coverings indoors is strongly encouraged, it is no longer required.

3. As always, judicial officers have discretion in their individual courtrooms to require the use of face coverings, and to allow persons, including themselves, to remove their face coverings for periods of time for purposes such as ensuring the court reporter and/or electronic recording device can clearly report or record the proceedings and any other communication that occurs in the courtroom.

4. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect pending further order of this Court. The General Order Regarding Face Coverings in Courthouses dated May 5, 2022 is rescinded.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 26, 2022

Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner
Santa Clara County Superior Court