#### Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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# Face Masks Remain Mandatory Inside All Santa Clara County Courthouses

The Santa Clara County Superior Court reminds the public, justice partners, judicial officers and employees that face masks must be worn inside all Santa Clara County courthouses when the new County Health Order takes effect tomorrow, March 2, 2022.

"We want to remind everyone that until the <u>General Order of the Court Regarding Face Coverings</u> and <u>Social Distancing</u> is modified or rescinded, a proper face-covering must be worn in all public areas of the Court and any shared workspaces, "said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner. "Like many of us in Santa Clara County, our Court is encouraged by the data from our public health officials showing declining case rates and hospitalizations county-wide. However, it remains imperative that our Court continues to be vigilant in our efforts to protect the health and safety of all who enter our courthouses. Therefore, at this time, face masks remain mandatory for everyone while inside of our facilities."

- Judicial officers have discretion in their individual courtrooms 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.
- Any person who refuses to wear a face covering may request an exemption from this Order. Requests of this nature will be heard by the judicial officer in the courtroom where the person is required to be present or is requesting to be allowed to observe.
- Any person who refuses to wear a face covering after being directed to do so by a judicial
  officer may be removed from the courthouse for failure to comply with this Order.

The Court will postpone and reschedule court dates, as necessary, to accommodate those who are ill due to COVID-19. If you need to contact the Court or inform us of an illness, please use the following contact methods:

### **How to Contact the Court**

https://www.scscourt.org/general info/news media/covid19.shtml#contact



# DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE SICK

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EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2022

**FACEMASKS REQUIRED** INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE BY ORDER OF THE COURT



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