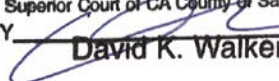


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Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara  
BY  DEPUTY  
David K. Walker

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING COURTHOUSE ENTRY**

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency because of COVID-19. Since March 17, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer has issued a number of orders directing those in Santa Clara County to shelter in place with exceptions that have increased and decreased depending on the need to protect the public health from COVID-19 and ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability. However, Courts are a critical infrastructure sector and are permitted to maintain continuity of operations while following other public health requirements.

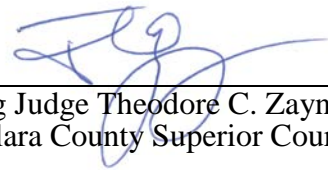
2. On August 28th, 2020, the State released its Blueprint for a Safer Economy (“Blueprint”), which created a tiered system of COVID-19 restrictions that all counties in California must follow. Effective June 15, 2021, the State moved Beyond the Blueprint and lifted most COVID-related restrictions statewide. The County of Santa Clara remains aligned with the State’s guidelines.

3. Despite significant progress and favorable rates of vaccination, the County and the State remain under a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Court must continue to employ all necessary emergency protective measures to prevent, mitigate, respond to and

1 recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the constitutional requirement to provide  
2 public access to court proceedings unless otherwise restricted by law or court order, the Court  
3 rescinds all prior general orders restricting courthouse access. Effective June 21, 2021, courthouse  
4 access will no longer be restricted except as otherwise restricted by law or court order – but access  
5 shall remain subject to all court ordered COVID-related protocols which remain in effect,  
6 including but not limited to face coverings indoors, until further Court order.

7 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

8 Dated: June 18, 2021



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Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner  
Santa Clara County Superior Court