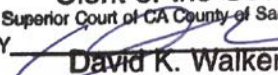


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Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN
COURTHOUSES**

This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Centers for Disease Control, California Department of Public Health, and Santa Clara County Public Health continue to strongly recommend the use of proper face coverings indoors in public spaces. The Santa Clara County Health Officer further recommends that all businesses and government entities continue to require use of face coverings indoors.

2. 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 General Order to reiterate and emphasize the importance of continued use of proper face coverings indoors. It remains an order of the Court that all persons, including Court staff and judicial officers, must wear a proper face covering in all areas of the court open to the public, or when members of the public are present.

3. 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

1 proceedings and any other communication that occurs in the courtroom. Consistent with each
2 judicial officer's authority to preserve and enforce order, judicial officers have discretion to require
3 physical distancing as appropriate inside their courtrooms.

4 4. This Order is effective as of Monday, May 9, 2022 and shall remain in effect
5 pending further order of this Court.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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11 Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner
12 Santa Clara County Superior Court
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