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## Santa Clara County Superior Court Requires Use of Face Coverings While in Court

In order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, witnesses, jurors, and law enforcement personnel in connection with the COVID-19 threat, [the Court has ordered](#) that all persons, including Court staff and judicial officers, who enter the courthouses must wear a face covering in all public areas of the court and shared work spaces.

Judicial officers will have discretion in their individual courtrooms to allow persons, including themselves, to remove their face coverings for periods of time. Any person who believes they have a good cause reason to be exempted from wearing 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. However, 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 the order.

“Our Court has implemented social distancing protocols, enhanced our sanitization efforts, and mandated the use of face coverings in an effort to maintain a safe and healthy environment and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 for all who enter our Court facilities,” said Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan.



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