

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SHASTA**

Date: September 9, 2021

In the Matter of:

FACE COVERINGS IN COURT FACILITIES

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-2021

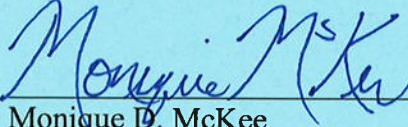
Public health agencies, including the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended that businesses maintain some health and safety measures targeted at reducing the spread of COVID-19. In her March 17, 2020, statewide order, Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye permitted courts to make changes in court operations during this pandemic to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, and persons brought before the court. This Court also regularly confers with the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency to determine the best practices to balance the health and safety of court users, employees and judicial officers with the necessity of participation in judicial proceedings.

Pursuant to the Centers for Disease Control's April 19, 2021 Guidance; California Department of Public Health's June 15, 2021 Guidance; Cal/OSHA's June 17, 2021 COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards; California Rule of Court, Rule 10.603; the Chief Justice's March 17, 2020 statewide order; and recommendations by the local health department, effective as of today's date, **THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All persons who enter the courthouse, including the Justice Center and modular building, hereafter referred to as "Court Facilities", regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering. "Face covering" means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers which has no visible holes, openings, or exhalation vents, which covers the nose and mouth. Scarves, ski masks, balaclavas, bandanas, turtlenecks, collars, or masks made from a single layer of fabric are not acceptable face coverings. Face coverings must be worn by all persons when they are inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space. Persons younger than two years old are exempt. Persons with a medical or mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering may seek an exemption from this order as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act or California Rules of Court, Rule 1.100. A written request (Judicial Council form MC-410) must be submitted to the Court's Human Resources Department in Room 106 of the main courthouse.


2. No person will be permitted to enter court facilities if that person is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms as described by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including, but not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
3. No person will be permitted to enter court facilities if that person has been diagnosed with COVID within the last 10 days, if they live with, or if they have had "close contact" with a COVID-positive person within the last 14 days as defined by the CDC.
4. The Shasta County Marshal's Office and court security staff are authorized to enforce this order, and any persons who refuse to comply with this order will be required to leave the court premises. Under circumstances of intentional violation of this order, individuals may be cited for contempt under the California Penal Code.
5. This order does not restrict or otherwise abrogate the express and inherent authority of the court and judges to provide for the orderly conduct of proceedings, including the determination of whether temporary removal of a facial covering during court proceedings is necessary.

Dated: September 9, 2021



Monique D. McKee
Presiding Judge

Dated: September 9, 2021



Adam B. Ryan
Asst. Presiding Judge