SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SHASTA

Date: July 15, 2020

In the Matter of:

FACE COVERINGS, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND TEMPERATURE CHECKS IN COURT FACILITIES

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23-2020</u>

Public health agencies, including the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended that essential businesses maintain stringent health and safety measures targeted at reducing the spread of COVID-19. On March 12, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 which orders, among other things, that all residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local health officials, including, but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19. On June 18, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance mandating that, subject to certain exceptions, all people in California must wear face coverings inside of or in line to enter any indoor public space, when engaged in work, and while outdoors in public spaces where maintaining social distancing of at least six feet between people is not feasible. The guidance also requires persons to maintain social distancing of at least six feet between people, when feasible. Additionally, 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 California Department of Public Health's June 18, 2020 Guidance; 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", must wear a face covering consistent with the requirements of the California Department of Public Health Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings issued on June 18, 2020. Specifically, 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 Resource Department in Room 106 of the main courthouse.

- 2. To the extent feasible, social distance protocols of six feet distance between persons will be strictly enforced in all court facilities including courtrooms.
- 3. All persons who enter court facilities shall be subject to a touchless temperature screening by court personnel. No individual will be permitted to enter the courthouse with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more.
- 4. 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, 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

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Asst. Presiding Judge

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