

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SHASTA**

**Date: September 27, 2023**

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**In the Matter of:**

**FACE COVERINGS AND COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS IN COURT FACILITIES**

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**NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-2023 (supersedes 12-2023)**


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. 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 August 11, 2022 Guidance; California Department of Public Health's March 13, 2023 Guidance; Cal/OSHA's February 3, 2023 Permanent COVID-19 Standard; California Rule of Court, Rule 10.603; and recommendations by the local health department, effective as of today's date, **THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

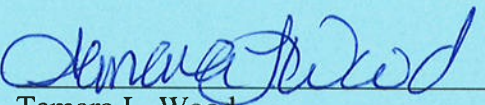
1. Except as provided below, the wearing of face coverings in the courthouse and the Justice Center (hereinafter "Court Facilities") is recommended, but not required. "Face covering" means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers which has no visible holes, openings, or exhalation vents, which covers the nose and mouth. Persons with a medical or mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering may seek an exemption from the wearing of face coverings when ordered 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. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 may not enter the courthouse until at least 5 days have passed since the sample was drawn for the first possible test, and symptoms have improved, and the individual has tested negative after day 5. Individuals who meet these criteria are required to wear a face covering for 10 days following the date of the sample that tested positive, unless they have two consecutive negative tests after day 5.

3. Persons who have had “close contact” with a COVID-positive person as defined by the CDC within the last 10 days are required to wear a face covering for ten days following the last exposure.
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 27, 2023

  
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Adam B. Ryan  
Presiding Judge

Dated: September 27, 2023

  
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Tamara L. Wood  
Asst. Presiding Judge