



# Superior Court of California County of Orange

Chambers of  
**ERICK L LARSH**  
PRESIDING JUDGE

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SANTA ANA, CA 92701

## **THIRD AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20/16 REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES AND FACE COVERINGS IN COURT**

On March 18, 2020, the Orange County Health Officer issued an amended order and guidance directing the public to operate in compliance with social distancing guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health.

On March 19, 2020 California Governor Gavin Newsom and the State Public Health Officer issued [Executive Order N-33-20](#), ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed, to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors. Courts are designated [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) and provide essential services during the stay at home order.

[On April 9, 2020 County of Orange Health Officer Dr. Nichole Quick issued a recommendation](#) strongly encouraging all employees at essential businesses to wear a face covering while at work and all residents engaged in essential activities outside the home to do the same.

As of July 14, 2020, the Orange County Health Officer issued an [Order](#), which among other things, requires all County residents and visitors to wear face coverings in certain high risk situations, including facilities, such as the Court, which are allowed to stay open.

On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders [N-07-21](#) and [N-08-21](#) and the State Public Health Officer issued an [Order](#) rescinding the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, substantially decreasing the face covering requirements for vaccinated individuals, and removing social distancing requirements effective June 15, 2021.

On June 15, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#) which generally provide (1) masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in specified settings; (2) masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses; (3) specified individuals are exempt from the mask requirements.

On June 17, 2021, the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Cal/OSHA) met and adopted a series of revisions to the [Emergency Temporary Standards](#) to revise requirements in light of updated Centers for Disease Control and California Department of Public Health face covering guidance and social distancing requirements. Also on June 17, 2021, Governor Newsom issued [N-09-21](#) making the Cal/OSHA standards immediately effective.

On June 17, 2021, the Orange County Health Officer issued an [Order](#), which among other things, requires all County residents and visitors to wear face coverings in accordance with and as required by the CDPH [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#). The Order states masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses, except in specified settings, but masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses. The Order further provides that specified individuals are exempt from the mask requirements.

Pursuant to my authority to control matters before the Court (Code Civ. Proc., § 128; Gov. Code, § 68070); my authority as the Presiding Judge (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603); the inherent powers of the Court (*In re Reno* (2012) 565 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 428, 522); and in compliance with state and local guidelines and orders, I therefore order as follows:

The Second Amended Administrative Order 20/16, dated July 15, 2020, is hereby rescinded, effective June 20, 2021.

Effective June 21, 2021, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health, all members of the public entering the court are subject to the following:

- All vaccinated members of the public entering the court, including law enforcement, attorneys, parties, and vendors, will no longer be required to wear a face covering while inside a courthouse. The act of entering the courthouse without a mask will be considered self-attestation to the fact that they have been vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated members of the public entering the court, including law enforcement, attorneys, parties, and vendors, must wear face coverings for the purpose of covering their mouth and nose at all times when entering the public areas of any court building, including courtrooms, or wherever the Court is conducting official business. Face

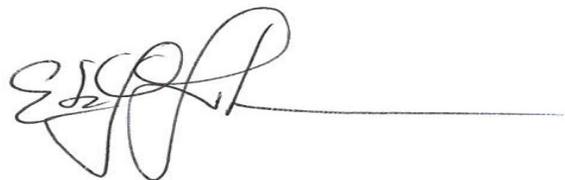
coverings should completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of face without gaps.

- Social distancing of at least six feet (6') shall no longer be enforced in courthouses, courtrooms, and public areas.
- Judicial officers who have been vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a face covering while inside a courthouse.
- Judicial officers who have not been vaccinated must wear face coverings while on the bench and when in the public areas of any court building, and at all times when interacting with other individuals, including Court employees. Unvaccinated judicial officers may remove the mask while alone in their chambers and when eating and drinking with other individuals provided social distancing requirements are being met.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are not wearing a mask will be provided one upon entry to the courthouse. Unvaccinated individuals unwilling to wear a face mask will be denied entry to the building. Unvaccinated Individuals who remove their masks after entering the building will be reminded of this requirement. If compliance is refused, services may not be provided, and the person may be asked to leave the court building immediately. Children under the age of three are exempt from this Order.
- For unvaccinated individuals with disabilities who seek an exemption from this Order as a reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act or California Rules of Court, rule 1.100, please contact the Court's ADA site coordinator at <http://www.occourts.org/general-info/> or at [ADAInformation@occourts.org](mailto:ADAInformation@occourts.org).

This Order will remain in effect until 30 days after the Governor declares that the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted, or until amended or repealed.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 21, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, at Santa Ana California.



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Erick L. Larsh  
Presiding Judge