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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In Re Requirement of Face Covering
In Response to COVID-19 PANDEMIC

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 192

Since March 1, 2020 and March 4, 2020, the United States and the State of California, respectively, have each been in a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of the date of this Order, more than 14,538,115 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 606,922 have died from it. As of this date, more than 3,774,769 people in the United States have been infected with the virus and more than 140,563 have died from it.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and the California Department of Public Health advise:

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
- Respiratory droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby, possibly be inhaled into the lungs, or otherwise land on surfaces that could lead to infection after touching those surfaces and one's eyes, nose, or mouth.
- COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.
- A cloth face covering is recommended when in public settings with the exception of young children under the age of 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, is incapacitated or is otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- A cloth face covering is not a substitute for social distancing.

In order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, attorneys, witnesses and law enforcement officers, the Court HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. All persons, two years of age and older, who enter the courthouse must wear an acceptable face covering in all public areas of the court and shared workspaces. The following are examples of acceptable face coverings: multi-layer disposable surgical masks, N95/KN95 masks, multi-layer homemade masks following CDC guidelines (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html) or substantially similar face coverings. The following are examples of unacceptable face coverings: face shields, shirts raised over the nose, masks made of yarn, lace, or similar fabrics, scarves, and bandanas. If there are doubts as to the adequacy of a face covering, court security will provide an individual with a compliant disposable mask. Face coverings must cover the individual's nose and mouth and be secured under the chin at all times unless specifically directed otherwise in accordance with Section 4 of this Executive Order.
- 2. Any person without an acceptable face covering may be denied entry to the courthouse or a courtroom.

- 3. Persons who are unable or unwilling to wear a face covering within the courthouse may submit their contact information to the court's Americans with Disability Act ("ADA") Coordinator or front door security officer in order for arrangements regarding potential accommodation. Persons who believe they are unable to wear a face covering, as defined, because of some medical or other legally recognized disability under the ADA, and who wish to have an accommodation (including an accommodation to wear any sort of face covering other than a defined face covering, including a face shield) must file a written request for accommodation on form MC-410 and submit the same to the court's ADA Coordinator. Accommodations will be considered pursuant to California Rule of Court 1.100 on a case-by- case basis. Requests for accommodations should be submitted at least five (5) court days in advance to ensure timely consideration.
- 4. Judicial officers have discretion in their individual courtrooms to allow persons, including themselves, to remove their face coverings for limited periods of time, to the extent doing so is deemed necessary for the proceedings.
- 5. Any person who, absent an approved accommodation or authorization, refuses to wear a face covering after being directed to do so by a judicial officer, employee, security officer, or Deputy may be removed from the courthouse for failure to comply with this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 17 20 2020

LINDA J. SLOVEN

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court