IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In Re:
Continued Requirement of Face Covering

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 204

Effective February 16, 2022, the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") revised its guidance regarding face coverings by stating that: Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals, except in the following settings where masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status: public transportation; schools and childcare centers; healthcare settings; correctional facilities; and, homeless shelters. Further, the CDPH instructed that masks are required for unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings and businesses (including state and local government offices serving the public). CDPH guidance states that businesses, venue operators, or hosts may choose to require all patrons to wear masks. Effective Feb 16, 2022, the Nevada County Public Health Officer revised the county masking order. Nevada County Public Health states, "it is still highly recommended that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a high-quality mask while in public spaces."

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 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. 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 a medical or other legally recognized disability under the ADA, and who wish to have an accommodation 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 Rules of Court 1.100 on a case-by-case basis. Requests for accommodations should be submitted at least five court days in advance of the hearing 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.

Dated: February 22, 2022

S. Robert Tice-Raskin
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court