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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

GENERAL ORDER -REGARDING CHANGES IN)
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

GENERAL ORDER 2022-012

CR-22-999999

The Court makes the following findings:

On March 16, 2022, the Court determined that certain COVID-19 protocols, such wearing a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status, were no longer required. The Court based its decision on guidance received from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The CDC established COVID-19 Community Levels to provide guidance in determining what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Community Levels can be low, medium,

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or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

As the Community Level for Stanislaus County was "Low" on March 16, 2022, the Court issued Amended General Order 2022-007, which relaxed COVID-19 protocols. However, in making the order, the Court expressly reserved the right to the Court reserves the right to reinstate any previously established COVID-19 protocols; or adopt new ones to protect public health and safety.

On March 14, 2022, the 7-day positivity rate in Stanislaus County was 3.1%. As of June 10, 2022, the 7-day positivity rate in Stanislaus County was 13.8%, an increase of 2.3% from seven (7) days prior. On April 9, 2022, there were 21 reported hospitalizations in Stanislaus County. On June 9, 2022, there were 65 reported hospitalizations, a 210% increase from 60 days earlier. Furthermore, on June 9, 2022, the CDC changed Stanislaus County's Community Level from "Low" to "Medium".

Based on these findings, the Court orders:

1. General Order 2022-007, is revoked.

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2. Any unvaccinated person who enters a Stanislaus County Superior Court facility must wear a mask. This order applies to all persons, including court employees, attorneys, parties, witnesses, jurors, law enforcement personnel, and members of the public. This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until amended or revoked by further order of the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 6/10/22

ROBERT B. WESTBROOK, PRESIDING JUDGE