

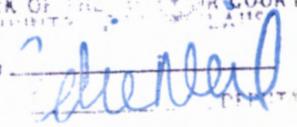
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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

BY



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

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING CHANGES  
IN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

GENERAL ORDER  
2022-016

CR-22-999999

The Court makes the following findings:

In making changes to its COVID-19 protocols, the Stanislaus County Superior Court (“Court”) relies on guidance it receives from public health officials including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

The CDC has established COVID-19 “Community Levels” to provide such guidance. Community Levels can be “low”, “medium” or “high” – depending on the reported COVID-19 metrics in a given community. The CDC’s recommendations and guidance for preventing transmission of the COVID-19 virus change depending on the community’s level.

1 Stanislaus County's Community Level has fluctuated from "low" to "medium" to "high"  
2 over the past six (6) months. As of March 16, 2022, Stanislaus County's Community Level was  
3 "low". It progressed to "medium" on June 9, 2022 and then "high" on June 23, 2022.  
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5 Due to the increasing Community Level on June 24, 2022, the Court implemented  
6 General Order No. 2022-013. The Court's order included a series of COVID-19 mitigation  
7 measures and protocols designed to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect the  
8 safety of the public, parties, attorneys, justice partners, law enforcement personnel, and Court  
9 employees who are required to be physically present in Court facilities on a daily basis.  
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11 The Community Level in Stanislaus County remained "high" until August 25, 2022,  
12 when the level finally fell to "medium", and the Court issued General Order 2022-015.  
13 However, based on recently issued CDC guidelines, the recommended protocols associate with  
14 the Community Level changed. To maintain consistency with CDC guidance it is necessary to  
15 revoke General Order 2022-015. Accordingly, the Court orders as follows:  
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- 17 1. General Order No. 2022-015 is revoked;
- 18 2. Except as provided in this order, no person who enters a Stanislaus County Superior  
19 Court facility is required to wear a mask while the community level is either  
20 "medium" or "low". Masks are recommended and no person will be denied access to  
21 the Court or any of its services solely on the grounds they are wearing a mask.  
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- 23 3. This order shall not apply if regulations or guidance issued by CalOSHA or CDPH  
24 or the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer, require a person or a group of persons  
25 to wear masks.  
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4. 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: August 30, 2022, 2022



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ROBERT B. WESTBROOK,  
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE  
SUPERIOR COURT