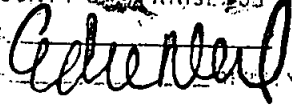


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COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

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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  
2022-013

CR-22-999999

The Court makes the following findings:

In making changes to its COVID-19 protocols, the Stanislaus County Superior 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 upon 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 a community's "level".

1 As of March 16, 2022, Stanislaus County's Community Level was "low". Therefore, the  
2 Court issued General Order 2022-007 relaxing COVID-19 protocols. However, in making its  
3 order, the Court expressly reserved the right to reinstate any previously established COVID-19  
4 protocols, or to adopt new protocols as necessary to protect public health and safety.  
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6 Thereafter on June 9, 2022, the CDC increased Stanislaus County's Community Level  
7 from "low" to "medium" due to an increase in both COVID-19 infection rates and virus-related  
8 hospitalizations. As a result, the Court revoked General Order 2022-007 and invoked General  
9 Order 2022-012, reimplementing certain COVID-19 protocols designed to protect public health  
10 and safety.  
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12 On June 22, 2022, the 7-day positivity rate for COVID-19 in Stanislaus County was  
13 14.63%. As of June 24, 2022, the number of hospitalizations for COVID-19 in Stanislaus  
14 County had increased to 77, from 65 reported on June 9, 2022. Furthermore, on June 23, 2022,  
15 the CDC increased Stanislaus County's Community Level from "medium" to "high" reflecting  
16 the increased spread of the COVID-19 virus in Stanislaus County.  
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18 Therefore, effective June 27, 2022, and until further notice, the Court implements the  
19 following mitigation measures and protocols designed to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus  
20 and to protect the safety of the public, attorneys, justice partners, law enforcement personnel,  
21 parties and the public.  
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24 Based on the above, the Court orders:  
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27 1. General Order 2022-012, is revoked;  
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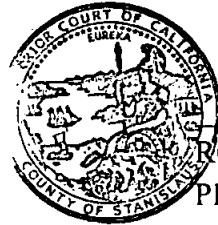
- 1           2. Any person who enters a Stanislaus County Superior Court facility must wear a mask,  
2           regardless of vaccination status. This order applies to **all** persons, including court  
3           employees, attorneys, parties, witnesses, jurors, law enforcement personnel, and  
4           members of the public;  
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7           3. Public access to the Modesto Main Courthouse and Civil Towers (Fourth and Sixth  
8           floors only) shall be limited to the following:  
9           a. Attorneys, parties, and witnesses scheduled to appear in court;  
10           b. Jurors;  
11           c. Designated support persons under Family Code section 6303;  
12           d. Persons conducting business in the Clerk's Office;  
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16           4. With the permission of the judge presiding over any given matter, individuals not  
17           listed above may be allowed access to court proceedings. A fillable form, *Request to*  
18           *Attend Court Hearing*, is available on the Court's website <https://www.stanct.org/>  
19           Requests can be emailed to [public.access@stanct.org](mailto:public.access@stanct.org)  
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22           5. To ensure members of the public may still observe proceedings, all non-confidential,  
23           Criminal proceedings will be livestreamed to the Court's YouTube channel. The  
24           livestream can be accessed at <https://www.stanct.org/node/4199553>.  
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1 6. To the extent permitted by law and authorized by the judicial officer presiding over  
2 the matter, court hearings should be conducted using remote technology, e.g., ZOOM  
3 video/teleconferencing, VCourt, etc.  
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6 This order is effective as of June 27, 2022, and shall remain in effect until amended or revoked  
7 by further order of the Court.  
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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.  
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12 DATED: June 24, 2022.



*Robert B. Westbrook*  
ROBERT B. WESTBROOK,  
PRESIDING JUDGE