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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF SOLANO**

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In the Matter of:  
  
MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE  
MASKS DURING JURY SERVICE

MISC. NO.: M-8-2021

**THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The County of Solano has seen a recent, concerning spike in COVID-19 cases, commonly known as the novel Coronavirus, which can cause severe illness and death; and
2. The Center for Disease Control recommends the wearing of masks to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. On July 28, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance recommending that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask in public settings; and
3. Prospective jurors are once again being summoned to the courthouses; and
4. The Solano County Court has an important governmental interest in protecting the health and welfare of all who enter the courthouses, including members of the public, litigants, staff, attorneys, justice partners, witnesses, jurors and judicial officers.

**BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1 1. All unvaccinated individuals entering any courthouse facility are required to wear a face  
2 covering at all times while inside the courthouses.

3 2. Due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 infection, and given the severity of the new  
4 Delta Strain of the COVID-19 virus, for the safety of the public, all jurors entering the Vallejo  
5 and Fairfield Courthouses will be required to wear a cloth mask or face covering which covers  
6 both the mouth and nose ("Face Mask") at all times when in an enclosed space, regardless of  
7 vaccination status.

8 3. This order includes any lobby, hallway, elevator, stairwell, jury assembly room,  
9 courtroom, meeting room or any other enclosed areas which are accessible to more than one  
10 person at a time.


11 4. This Emergency Order shall not apply to any person who has trouble breathing or is  
12 unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance, anyone  
13 with a disability or medical condition for whom wearing a Face Mask is not recommended by  
14 their healthcare professional, and/or any other person exempted by any federal, state or local law  
15 or regulation.

16 5. Any judicial officer may require an individual to remove a mask or may authorize a face  
17 shield, with a drape, as needed, to facilitate fair and effective courtroom proceedings, as long as  
18 six feet of social distance can be maintained.

19 6. Each judicial officer of the Solano Court has the discretion to require all vaccinated  
20 people to wear a mask in their courtrooms for proceedings before that judicial officer.

21 7. The Emergency Order shall take effect August 11, 2021.

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23 Dated: August 10, 2021

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HON. DONNA L. STASHYN  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

