



FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS

Effective **August 30, 2021**, the court will require face masks for all members of the public (i.e. general public, attorneys, case parties, justice partner, and vendors) **REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.**

- 1) To enter the courthouse, all persons will be required to wear a face covering (which may be a face shield).
 - a. Sheriff court security and contracted entrance screeners will not deny entry to the courthouse if a person refuses to wear a face covering. However, persons refusing to wear a face covering will be advised that wearing a face covering will be necessary to enter and remain in the courthouse (hallways and courtrooms) and to receive any service from the court.
- 2) A face covering will need to be worn by each person as long as that person is inside the courthouse (hallways and courtrooms), until a judge directs that person to remove their face covering to participate or testify in a court proceeding.
- 3) A face covering must be worn in an effective manner; the nose and mouth must be fully covered whenever wearing a face covering.
- 4) Persons with a disability which prevents them from wearing a face covering may submit a Judicial Council of California form MC-410 Request for Accommodations by Persons with Disabilities and Response to the Court ADA Coordinator.
 - a. If a person has not submitted a MC-410 form in advance of their proceeding, the person can advise the bailiff. The bailiff will then inform the bench officer. The bench officer shall have the discretion at that day's court proceeding to authorize a face covering exemption to any person with a disability that prevents them from wearing the face covering. Following the bench officer's authorization of a person's face covering exemption for that day's court proceeding, that person must submit the MC-410 form for all future accommodation requests.

Superior Court of California
County of Yuba

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