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**MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL PUBLIC COURT FACILITIES  
REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS**

Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) and health departments from surrounding Bay Area counties have rescinded certain indoor masking requirements for vaccinated individuals effective February 16, 2022. Unvaccinated individuals will still be required to wear masks in all public settings. CCHS specifically notes that businesses may, in the best interest of protecting individuals, choose to retain masking requirements for all individuals.

The Court's primary mission is the administration of justice, and its facilities must remain open to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals alike. A public masking policy that distinguishes based on vaccination status would require Court staff to check the vaccination status of everyone entering its facilities and thereafter monitor unvaccinated individuals to ensure that they do not remove their masks. Directing Court resources to that effort would severely impact other operations, result in delays to the public, and compromise the Court's ability to fulfill its mission.

Accordingly, and in the interest of public safety, the Court will not change its masking policy. Specifically, anyone entering publically-accessible Court facilities, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask at all times.

Compliant masks must be clean, completely cover the nose and mouth, and do not include neck gaiters (regardless of double-layering), masks with valves or other holes, bandanas, or face shields. The Court will provide compliant masks upon request.

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