Superior Court of California
County of Tuolumne

REVISED
FACE COVERING POLICY

– Effective Wed., August 4, 2021 –

Applies to the Public and Court Employees

Due to the significant increase in COVID cases in Tuolumne County, **regardless of your COVID-19 vaccination status, you must wear a face covering to enter the courthouse and courtrooms.**

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FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS

Effective June 29, 2020, the court will implement the following face covering use requirements for all members of the public (i.e. general public, attorneys, case parties, justice partners, and vendors):

1) To enter any of our court locations, all persons will be required to wear a face covering (which may be a face shield). Face coverings will be provided to those individuals who have not brought a face covering.

   a) Sheriff court security and contracted entrance screeners will not deny entry to the court locations 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 a courtroom and also 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 court location and in the courtroom, and until a judge directs that person to remove their face covering to participate or testify in a court proceeding.

   a) Sheriff court security and contracted entrance screeners will not remove anyone from the public areas and hallways of the court location if a person refuses to wear a face covering. However, persons refusing to wear face coverings will be advised that wearing a face covering will be necessary to enter and remain in a courtroom and to also to receive any service from the court.

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.

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