# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
# COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

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## NEW GUIDELINES REGARDING

## FACE COVERINGS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

The California Department of Public Health recently released new guidelines regarding face coverings in public locations. The Court has made changes to our face covering policy for the public to conform with the new state Department of Public Health guidelines. The changes are stated below and will become effective, Thursday, February 24, 2022.

- Public Areas (lobby area and hallways): Members of the public who are fully vaccinated may choose whether or not to wear a face covering; those individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear face coverings.

- No proof of vaccination status is required; this policy is based on an honor system.

- Courtrooms, Jury Deliberation Rooms and Jury Assembly Room: The same face covering policy that applies to the public areas will apply to these locations.

- Additionally, there will be specific sections in each of these locations which will be set aside for those individuals who are wearing face coverings and wish to sit with other persons wearing face coverings. However, a person wearing a face covering can sit anywhere they wish in the jury assembly room, courtrooms, and jury deliberation rooms.