



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MADERA**

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PRESS RELEASE

MEASURES TO MAINTAIN HEALTH & SAFETY IN THE COVID-19 ENVIRONMENT

With the reintroduction of Court operations on June 1, 2020, the following represents the measures being taken by the Madera County Superior Court to ensure the health and safety of court users, jurors, justice partners and court employees in the COVID-19 environment.

Facility Cleaning/Disinfection:

- 1) Court facilities are cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis and throughout the day.
- 2) Counters frequented by the public will be disinfected every hour.
- 3) Disinfectant aerosol spray will be used throughout the day on door handles.
- 4) Elevator buttons will be disinfected throughout the day.

Hand Sanitizer:

- 1) Hand sanitizer will be available for public use and will be located at major access points of the courthouse (e.g. upon passing through security, at each division window, in the jury assembly room and by the elevators on each floor).

Social Distancing:

- 1) Persons conducting business in the courthouse or appearing in a courtroom **must** maintain at least six feet of distance between themselves and other persons.
- 2) Social distancing of six feet will be enforced throughout the courthouse, including in the jury assembly room and in each courtroom.

Court Visitors:

- 1) All Court visitors will be required to answer health screening questions prior to entering the courthouse. The Court requests that no one who is ill with symptoms of COVID-19 appear at the courthouse.
- 2) Those who are ill, including attorneys, litigants and justice partners should remain at home. If there is a matter on calendar or if entry is not granted based on responses to the health screening questions, impacted parties are to contact the court and advise that there will be a non-appearance due to illness or the potential exposure to illness.
- 3) Court visitors are encouraged to wear face masks while in the courthouse.

Jurors:

- 1) The jury selection process will adhere to the social distancing requirement of six feet.
- 2) Prospective and sworn jurors will be provided with face masks upon request.
- 3) Prospective and sworn jurors will have access to hand sanitizer.
- 4) For sworn jurors, the social distancing requirement of six feet will be maintained.
- 5) Prospective jurors are to follow any instructions noted on the summons.

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