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PRESIDING JUDGE

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE NOTICE OF RESCISSION OF ORDER: FACE COVERINGS

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On February 28, 2022, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) modified the statewide guidance on face coverings. The requirement for unvaccinated individuals to wear face coverings indoors was modified. The guidance now strongly recommends, but does not require, all individuals regardless of vaccination status wear face coverings in indoor settings. Additionally, on February 28, 2022 Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-5-22 eliminating the requirement that all unvaccinated employees continue to wear face coverings in workplaces, under the CalOSHA regulations.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently implemented an online tool which indicates the level of COVID in the local community. As of today, the CDC indicates Lake County is in the low category. The guidance only suggests masks be worn indoors based on an individual's preference and individual risk factors.

Over the last month the number of cases locally has continued to decline substantially. The case rate is currently under 15 cases per 100,000, down from a high of over 100 cases per 100,000.

Therefore, effective Monday, March 21, 2022 the Presiding Judge's General Order On The Requirement Of Wearing Face Coverings And Maintaining Physical Distancing, dated June 4, 2020, will be rescinded. Consistent with local, state and federal public health guidance, face coverings will no longer be mandatory, instead they will be strongly encouraged.

The court continues to allow remote appearances in many court proceedings and encourages social distancing when possible in court facilities.

As the situation is evolving, we will keep the public up to date on our website <u>www.lake.courts.ca.gov</u>.