

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

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EL DORADO CO. SUPERIOR COURT
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DATE: December 14, 2021
JUDGE: Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge
CLERK: Tracy Barbour

**SECOND INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS
AND MODIFICATIONS TO COURT OPERATIONS**

Pursuant to the authority of the presiding judge to control matters before the El Dorado County Superior Court (Court), the Interim Administrative Order Re: COVID-19 Protocols and Modifications to Court Operations, issued June 28, 2021, is superseded by this order.

Consistent with the declarations of a state of emergency by federal and state governments due to the COVID-19 pandemic; Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-07-21 and N-08-21 issued June 11, 2021; the State Public Health Officer Order of June 11, 2021; the recent California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings - Effective December 15, 2021; and as permitted under the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards, the COVID-19 protocols and modifications to Court operations outlined within this order become effective December 15, 2021. This order will remain in effect until the Governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted, or until amended or revoked by the presiding judge of this Court.

COVID-19 Protocols

- A. All members of the public, including attorneys, parties and vendors, must wear a face covering that covers the mouth and nose while inside a Court facility, unless an exemption applies per the CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings (e.g., persons younger than two (2) years, a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering). Face coverings should have not visible holes or openings and must cover the nose and mouth.
- B. Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet and capacity limitations will no longer be enforced in a Court facility.
- C. Before entering a Court facility, all individuals should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals who are symptomatic, diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days, and/or ordered to quarantine or isolate by a public health representative or a health care provider must not enter a Court facility. Contact the Clerk's Office for options,

visit <https://eldorado.courts.ca.gov/general-information/locations-contact-information> for contact information.

Modifications to Court Operations

A. Use of technology for remote appearances.

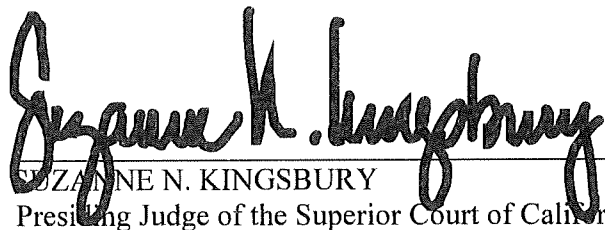
1. Please refer to the Emergency Rules 1 through 13 of the California Rules of Court.
2. The Court will determine if and/or when the use of technology can be implemented to allow for remote appearance by telephone and/or video conference as permitted pursuant to applicable emergency orders, rules and statute.
3. Remote video streaming is limited to certain court proceedings. Each judicial officer, however, retains the discretion and authority to refuse, limit or terminate such broadcasts, in whole or part, pursuant to the provisions of California Rules of Court, rule 1.120, and in consideration of other statutory and constitutional provisions. The livestreamed court proceedings may not be photographed, recorded (audio or video) or re-broadcast without prior judicial authorization.

B. Remote appearances.

1. Each department will determine those calendars and/or matters in which hearings will be held by mandatory remote appearance based on applicable emergency orders, rules and statute.
2. The Court will arrange for remote appearances and will notice parties on hearings set for remote appearance. When applicable, the Court will also coordinate with justice partners on calendars and/or matters to be heard remotely.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 14, 2021



SUZANNE N. KINGSBURY
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California