



1 No individual shall enter the courthouse if they have tested positive for  
2 COVID-19 within the last 10 days, or if they have been ordered by Public  
3 Health to isolate, or if they have had sustained contact for 15 minutes or more  
4 with someone described above, or if the individual has a fever of 100.4 or  
5 higher, or if the individual has COVID-19 symptoms such as: chills, persistent  
6 cough, unusual shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or sudden fatigue or  
7 muscle or body aches, persistent headaches, a new loss of taste or smell,  
8 sudden sore throat or congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

9 Any individual entering the courthouse must be in compliance with these  
10 conditions to gain entry into the courthouse. Any individual not in compliance  
11 shall call the Butte County Superior Court at (530) 532-7299.

- 12 2. A sign shall remain at all public points of entry to Butte County Superior Court with regards  
13 to COVID-19, detailing the access information and the phone number to call. (See  
14 Attachment A.)
- 15 3. The Butte County Sheriff may rely on individuals self-attesting their compliance with C.1  
16 above, and the Sheriff's Office need not inquire of each individual entering the courthouse  
17 whether that individual is in compliance with the restriction on access. The Butte County  
18 Sheriff may enforce the order when there is an objectively apparent need to do so inside the  
19 courthouse.
- 20 4. Temperature checks will no longer be a requirement to enter Butte County Superior Court  
21 facilities. The Butte County Superior Court will continue to provide thermometers at the  
22 primary entry points to all facilities and persons entering are encouraged to continue to self-  
23 monitor.

24 **D. Mask Requirements Will Remain in Place**

25 The requirement to wear a mask or facial covering at all times while inside Butte County  
26 Superior Court facilities will remain in place at this time for all individuals entering the Butte  
27 Superior Court including court users, court staff, judicial officers, inmates, jurors/prospective  
28 jurors, and counsel. Under Cal OSHA regulations, vaccine compliance is required for a mask to  
be removed while indoors. This requires a record to be produced by the individual and to be

1 maintained by the court. As such, the Presiding Judge has determined that vaccine compliance  
2 cannot be efficiently or effectively determined at the point of entry or throughout the courthouse.  
3 As a result, and to better assure compliance with Cal OSHA workplace safety, masks will be  
4 required of all individuals inside the courthouse regardless of vaccine status. The mask  
5 requirement is to ensure workplace and courthouse safety in a manner that maintains efficient  
6 and consistent court operations and complies with the current Cal OSHA regulations. This order  
7 will remain until Cal OSHA regulations direct that mask wearing is voluntary inside the  
8 workplace, regardless of vaccine status.  
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10 **E. Jury Trials**

11 With the exception of allowing full occupancy in Courtrooms, Jury Assembly Rooms, and Jury  
12 Deliberation Rooms, Jury trials will continue to be held in accordance with Attachment A of the  
13 “Order of the Presiding Judge Affecting Court Operations: Jury Trials and Mitigation Measures”,  
14 filed July 10, 2020, until further notice. The Court will provide an updated protocol on jury  
15 trials in the future.  
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17 **F. Remote Appearances for Witnesses Effective June 21, 2021**

18 1. Criminal Matters

19 The Court’s prior Order of November 20, 2020 requiring remote appearances of witness in  
20 Criminal Matters is hereby rescinded effective June 21, 2021. As of that date witnesses shall  
21 appear in person unless a request for remote appearance is noticed and approved by the  
22 Judicial Officer in advance of the hearing. Remote appearance of witnesses is strongly  
23 encouraged.  
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25 2. Civil and Family Matters

26 Emergency Local Rules 1.10(b)(1)– 1.10(b)(3) re Remote Appearances in Civil and Family  
27 Matters are rescinded; with the exception of Rule 1.10(b)(1)(d)(ii)(d), hereby renumbered  
28 as 1.10(e) to read as follows: *Remote Video (Zoom) appearances will be allowed in*

1 *Family Law matters for attorneys, parties and witnesses if advance notice is given*  
2 *to the opposing side and approved by the Court.*

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4 **G. Appearance of Defendants in the Criminal Division Effective June 21, 2021**

5 As socially distanced seating will no longer be required as of June 21, 2021, the Court rescinds  
6 the prior Order requiring defendants represented by counsel to appear through counsel pursuant  
7 to Penal Code section 977. Defendants represented by counsel may appear in person but may  
8 also appear consistent with the provisions of Penal Code section 977. The provisions of Penal  
9 Code section 977 prevail. Appearance through counsel continues to be encouraged to avoid  
10 courtroom congestion, with the exception of mandatory appearances and as ordered by the trial  
11 court judge.

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13 **H. Civil and Probate Proceedings Effective June 21, 2021**

14 Litigants, counsel, and any individual involved in any matter that falls within the Civil Division  
15 or constitutes a Probate proceeding, may appear in person. However, appearances through  
16 Courtcall or video remain encouraged in order to reduce courthouse congestion.

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18 **I. All Prior Orders**

19 All prior Orders not specifically mentioned herein remain in full force and effect.  
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22 Date: 6/17/2021

Clare Keithley  
23 Hon. Clare Keithley  
24 Presiding Judge  
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## By Order of the Presiding Judge:

DO NOT COME INTO THE COURTHOUSE IF CURRENTLY,  
OR IN THE LAST 10 DAYS:

- ◇ YOU HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19
- ◇ YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ISOLATE BY PUBLIC HEALTH
- ◇ YOU HAD SUSTAINED CONTACT FOR 15 MINUTES OR MORE WITH SOMEONE DESCRIBED ABOVE
- ◇ YOU HAVE A FEVER OF 100.4 OR HIGHER
- ◇ YOU HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS SUCH AS:
  - CHILLS
  - COUGH
  - SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING
  - FATIGUE
  - MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES
  - HEADACHE
  - NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
  - SORE THROAT
  - CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE
  - NAUSEA OR VOMITING
  - DIARRHEA

**IF YOU CANNOT ENTER DUE TO REASONS STATED ABOVE  
CALL THE COURT IMMEDIATELY AT (530) 532-7299**



## Por Orden de la Jueza que Preside:

NO ENTRE A LA CORTE SI ACTUALMENTE,  
O EN LOS ÚLTIMOS 10 DÍAS:

- ◇ HA TENIDO UN RESULTADO POSITIVO DE COVID-19
- ◇ EL DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD LE HA ORDENADO MANTENERSE AISLADO
- ◇ TUVO CONTACTO CERCANO DURANTE 15 MINUTOS O MÁS CON ALGUIEN DESCRITO ANTERIORMENTE
- ◇ TIENE FIEBRE DE 100.4 O MÁS
- ◇ TIENE SÍNTOMAS DE COVID-19 COMO:
  - ESCALOFRÍO
  - TOS
  - FALTA DE AIRE O DIFICULTAD PARA RESPIRAR
  - FATIGA
  - DOLORS MUSCULARES O CORPORALES
  - DOLOR DE CABEZA
  - NUEVA PÉRDIDA DEL GUSTO U OLFATO
  - DOLOR DE GARGANTA
  - CONGESTIÓN O SECRECIÓN NASAL
  - NÁUSEAS O VÓMITOS
  - DIARRREA

**SI NO PUEDE INGRESAR DEBIDO A LAS RAZONES INDICADAS ANTERIORMENTE,  
LLAME AL TRIBUNAL INMEDIATAMENTE AL (530) 532-7299**

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