

1 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE

Superior Court of California
Butte
JUL 13 2020
Kimberly Flener, Clerk
Deputy

2 ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

3 AFFECTING ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE

4 Herein, this court adopts and incorporates the findings of this court, of the California Judicial
5 Council, and of the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, issued previously in response to the
6 public health crisis emanating from the coronavirus and COVID-19. This court takes judicial notice of
7 the websites for the Office of the Governor of the State of California, and all declarations issued therefrom
8 in response to the public health crisis emanating from the coronavirus and COVID-19, and takes judicial
9 notice of the websites for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the California
10 Department of Public Health, and the Butte County Department of Public Health wherein those
11 departments address the public health crisis emanating from the coronavirus and COVID-19.

12 Based thereon this court does find that the public health crisis emanating from the coronavirus
13 and COVID-19 remains a persistent threat that warrants ongoing mitigation measures to protect all court
14 users, court employees, attorneys, judges, justice partners, and the public. Under the authority of the
15 Presiding Judge under California Rule of Court, Rule 10.603, this court orders that individuals who,
16 currently or within the last 14 days, have tested positive for COVID-19 or were ordered by Butte County
17 Department of Public Health to remain in isolation, or who has had sustained contact for 15 minutes or
18 more with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or was ordered to isolate, or who has
19 symptoms consistent with COVID-19, are ordered to not enter any Butte Superior Court and to call the
20 clerk of the court on the COVID-19 line at (530) 532-7299 for direction. Any case on calendar that day
21 will be continued by the court for six weeks. The court will retain jurisdiction and send notice of the next
22 court date.

23 This court orders further that the court place a large sign by the entry door of the Butte Superior
24 Courthouse in Oroville (BCCH) and the North Butte County Courthouse in Chico (NCCH) with COVID-
25 19 entry information to the effect of:

26 By Order of the Presiding Judge:

27 Do Not Come in to the Courthouse if currently, or in the last 14 days:

- 28 a. You have tested positive for COVID-19
- b. You have been ordered to isolate by Public Health
- c. You had sustained contact for 15 minutes or more with someone described above
- d. You have COVID-19 symptoms such as fever or coughing

Call the clerk of the court immediately at: (530) 532-7299

1 The sign will provide direction for a person who answers yes to the questions on the large sign
2 to call an identified phone number and speak with a court clerk. The clerk will inform the person that if
3 they have a case on calendar, the case will be continued for six weeks and that the clerk will inform the
4 judge and counsel and that the court will send a notice to appear and that the court will retain jurisdiction.
5 No warrant if issued for jurisdiction shall be released when a person has been precluded by this order to
6 enter the Butte Superior Court. The clerk will assist the person with other means of filing or retrieving
7 documents.

8 This court orders further that members of the Butte County Sheriff's Office will inquire of
9 persons seeking entry to a courthouse whether the person read the COVID-19 entry sign outside the
10 courthouse before coming inside and whether the person is in compliance. If the person cannot affirm
11 they read the sign or that they are in compliance, the Butte County Sheriff's Office will direct the person
12 to go outside and follow the directions on the sign.

13 This order confirms the prior order of this court that persons experiencing illness are to not enter
14 the courthouse and are to notify the court of the illness so that their case can be continued.

15 **SO ORDERED.**

16 Date:

7/13/2020

Clare Keithley
Hon. Clare Keithley
Presiding Judge