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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
By: *[Signature]* Deputy
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

BRENDA L. McCORMICK
Deputy Clerk

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
RECOMMENDATION ON MASKS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 23.08**

Effective April 3, 2023, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) changed its guidance on the use of face masks. The updated guidance replaces mandatory masking in high-risk settings with recommendations based on COVID-19 Community Levels as established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Ventura County is currently designated as "Low" by the CDC: the lowest of the three levels of COVID-19 community impact (measured by case rate and hospitalization data).

THE COURT THEREFORE FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Court rescinds its recommendation that masks be used by all court users within the courthouses, courtrooms, and court facilities. This provision is intended to supersede and replace the recommendation contained in paragraph 1 of Administrative Order 22.18 (September 12, 2022). Visitors to the Court should consult the California Department of Public Health (www.cdph.ca.gov) for updates on masking recommendations. Notwithstanding, the Court requests that individuals with respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, runny nose, and/or sore throat) wear masks at all times while at the Court to prevent the spread of illness, including COVID-19.

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2. Additionally, the Court remains subject to CAL/OSHA standards that may result in employees being required to: 1) wear masks; 2) test for COVID-19; and/or 3) quarantine.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE APRIL 19, 2023. IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 19, 2023



Kevin G. DeNoce
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California,
County of Ventura