

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

2 ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

3 AFFECTING COURT OPERATIONS AND COVID-19 EMERGENCY POLICIES

5 I. FINDINGS

6 A. In accordance with, and in response to changes in COVID-19 guidelines and regulations by the  
7 California Department of Public Health (CDPH), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

8 II. ORDER

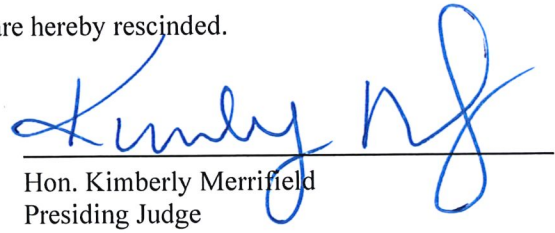
9 A. Effective March 28, 2022, and unless otherwise required by a federal, state, or local public health  
10 mandate, individuals will no longer be required to wear a face mask while inside Butte County  
11 Superior Court facilities. In line with the CDPH's strong recommendation that all persons,  
12 regardless of vaccination status, continue to mask while in indoor public settings, individuals may  
13 voluntarily wear a face mask while inside Court facilities.

14 B. Access to Court facilities is limited to individuals attesting that they are not currently sick, have  
15 not recently tested positive for COVID-19 and are within the isolation timeframes as outlined by  
16 the CDPH, and are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms as outlined by the CDPH. Current  
17 entry requirements will be posted at the entrance of each Court facility. Any individual entering  
18 the courthouse must be in compliance with posted conditions prior to entry. If an individual is not  
19 able to comply with the entry conditions, they shall call the Butte County Superior Court at (530)  
20 532-7299.

21 C. The *General Order Re: Implementation of Emergency Relief Authorized Pursuant to GC 68115*  
22 *by Chair of Judicial Council* issued by this Court on April 1, 2020, remains in full force and  
23 effect until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, upon which date it is rescinded.

24 D. Unless otherwise authorized by statute, California Rules of Court, or Butte Superior Court Local  
25 Rules, all other COVID-19 emergency orders are hereby rescinded.

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27 Date: 3-25-2022

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Hon. Kimberly Merrifield  
Presiding Judge