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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County lifts face covering requirements for members of the public who are fully vaccinated, effective Monday, June 28, 2021, extends stay on evictions, and amends emergency Local Rules.

Consistent with the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) [June 11, 2021, order](#) and [June 15, 2021, face covering guidance](#), and as permitted under the recently-adopted changes to Cal/OSHA's [Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (ETS), the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that it will lift its face covering requirements for members of the public who are fully vaccinated beginning Monday, June 28, 2021.

Under the new policy, members of the public who self-attest that they are fully vaccinated (meaning at least 14 days have passed since their final vaccination dose) will no longer be required to wear face coverings in court facilities, although they may continue to do so if they choose. All members of the public who are not fully vaccinated or who decline to self-attest that they are fully vaccinated will continue to be required to wear appropriate face coverings in court facilities. Prospective jurors appearing in person must also wear face coverings until they can provide their vaccination attestation to the [Jury Services office](#) in their reporting courthouse.

In addition, before entering any court facility, all persons will be required to conduct a health self-screening; they may not enter if they have been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days; are not fully vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive within the last 14 days; or have had COVID-related symptoms within the last 24 hours.

In line with the State of California's Beyond the Blueprint reopening efforts, CDPH orders, and Cal/OSHA ETS, the Court will also relax its social distancing requirements beginning Monday, June 28, 2021. While facilities will no longer be marked in 6-foot increments, in the interest of public health and safety the Court will continue to encourage visitors to maintain some element of physical distancing—including while seated in jury assembly rooms, courtrooms, and public spaces—and may restrict the number of persons able to enter certain offices, courtrooms, and other closed-in areas.

Consistent with the Court's ongoing, physical re-opening efforts, the Court has also adopted changes to numerous emergency Local Rules. Specifically, emergency Local Rules [1.2a](#), [1.7a](#), [1.8a](#), [3.29](#), [5.38](#), and [7.180](#) have been amended, while emergency Local Rules [5.26](#), [5.27](#), [5.31](#), [5.51](#), and [7.116](#) were repealed, effective June 24, 2021. Of particular note, rule 1.8a has

also been amended to extend the stay on execution of writs of possession to September 30, 2021.

Like the Court's operations throughout the coronavirus pandemic, the Court's ongoing, measured reopening efforts are consistent with evolving public health and safety guidelines. And while the Court anticipates re-opening additional courtrooms and calendars to in-person hearings in the weeks to come, the Court continues to encourage remote appearances wherever possible. The Court will also continue to offer [live audio streams](#) for all public court proceedings, even where those courtrooms are open in person. Please continue to check our [website](#) and follow [@AlamedaSuperior](#) on Twitter for the most current information.