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COURT CLERK

MARIPOSA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Standing Order Number 20-013

Reopening of Courthouse to The Public Following Closure Due to COVID-19

This order will be effective July 1, 2020 and will remain in effect until further order of the court.

1. All persons seeking to enter the courthouse will be screened by security prior to admittance as follows:
 - A. Temperature taken to determine if 100.4 degrees or greater;
 - B. Ask if they have:
 - a. Fever
 - b. Sore throat
 - c. New or worsening cough
 - d. New or worsening shortness of breath.
 - C. Ask if they have been exposed to anyone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.
2. If “yes” to A, or any of B, or C above, the person will be excluded from courthouse. Security staff will note the name, case number, and reason for exclusion for those scheduled to appear in court and provide that information to the courtroom clerk and will also inform the person to call or email the court the following business day to be told what their new court date is.
3. If “no” to A, B, and C above they will be admitted into the courthouse. All persons admitted into the courthouse must wear a mask or face covering at all times.
4. The only persons exempt from wearing masks or face coverings in the courthouse are a) persons under two years of age, b) persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering, and c) persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication. Other than children under two years of age, any person

claiming and exemption and who wishes to enter the courthouse will need to submit a *Request for Accommodations by Persons With Disabilities* (form MC-410). Any such requests are confidential and will not be available for public inspection.

5. Only one person at a time will be admitted to the Clerk's office and only one person at a time will be admitted into the Collection's office. Persons waiting to enter either office will remain outside the courthouse and will be asked to maintain social distancing until summoned inside by security or court staff.
6. No more than 10 litigants will be allowed into the upstairs courtroom at any one time. Court security at the front door will determine the name of each litigant seeking entry into the upstairs courtroom and will communicate that information to the courtroom clerk. No more than 5 additional litigants will be admitted into the courtroom after 5 have come out. Court security at the front door will communicate to the courtroom clerk the names of the additional litigants to be admitted. Persons waiting to be admitted will be asked to maintain social distancing.
7. Non-litigants will not be admitted in the upstairs courtroom unless there are less than 10 other litigants on calendar or in the courtroom.
8. Attorneys, litigants, and probation officers will maintain social distancing in the courtroom and must wear a mask and/or face covering.
9. Court staff will wear a mask and/or face covering at all times when in the courthouse.
10. The court will continue to schedule hearings by either Court Call or Zoom until further notice at the request of any party or any attorney. The Court will retain discretion to order that hearings be conducted by either Court Call or Zoom.
11. Only one in-custody defendant will be allowed inside the courthouse at any one time.

It is so ordered.

Dated: June 22, 2020



F. Dana Walton, Presiding Judge