



Chambers of
ERICK L. LARSH
PRESIDING JUDGE

Superior Court of California County of Orange

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SANTA ANA, CA 92701

1st AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20/17

REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE

On February 26, 2020, the County of Orange Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency based on the threat to public health by COVID-19 in Orange County.

On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

On March 10, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. Since then, the President of the United States, the Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Public Health, and the County of Orange Health Officer have issued guidance, directives, and orders to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 24, 2022 the County of Orange Health Officer issued revised Orders and Strong Recommendations in light of recent guidance and orders by State Public Health Officer and the California Department of Public Health.

As of April 5, 2022 Orange County has had 57,557 cumulative cases of COVID-19 and 6,901 deaths from COVID-19.

Pursuant to my authority to control matters before the Court (Code Civ. Proc., § 128; Gov. Code, § 68070); my authority as the Presiding Judge (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603); the inherent powers of the Court (*In re Reno* (2012) 565 Cal.4th 428, 522); and in compliance with state and local guidelines, orders, and ordinances, I therefore order as follows:

Effective immediately, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of court personnel and court users, all persons exhibiting the symptoms of COVID-19 should not enter the courthouse. Symptoms may include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat,

congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting, and diarrhea. Individuals (with the exception of court staff who must follow the current Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard) should adhere to the orders and strong recommendations detailed in the [March 24, 2022 order issued by the County of Orange Health Officer.](#)

Following the implementation of this order, if a more specific order is issued by the County of Orange Health Officer for any county resident or visitor, the more recent order shall be followed. It is the intent of this order that Court visitors are to follow the County health order that is in effect at the time of their visit. The most current County of Orange Health Officer order can be found [here.](#)

This Order supersedes Administrative Order No. 20/17 issued on March 8, 2022. This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until 90 days after the Governor declares that the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted, or until amended or repealed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of April 2022, at Santa Ana, California.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erick L. Larsh', written over a horizontal line.

Erick L. Larsh
Presiding Judge