

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

3
4 AMENDED GENERAL ORDER RE: COURT ACCESS

5 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease
6 Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California have recognized that the world,
7 country, and state face a life threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus; and

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9 WHEREAS, in response to the spread of COVID- 19, Governor Gavin Newsom on
10 March 4, 2020, declared a state of emergency in California, which continues in effect; and

11 WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 has been reduced but still poses a threat to public
12 health; and

13 WHEREAS, courts are places with risks of COVID-19 transmission during this
14 pandemic because they require gatherings of judicial officers, court staff, litigants, attorneys,
15 witnesses, defendants, law enforcement, and jurors in proximity; and

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17 WHEREAS, on November 20, 2020, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board
18 (OSHSB) voted to adopt Emergency Temporary Standards to Protect Workers from COVID-19 (8
19 C.C.R. § § 3205, 3205.1, 3205.2, 3205.3, 3205.4), which established various workplace safety
20 requirements for employers related to COVID-19, including requirements for face coverings and
21 physical distancing, and which took effect on November 30, 2020; and

22 WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, Governor Newsom issued EO N-84-20, which
23 suspended certain provisions of the Emergency Temporary Standards that were inconsistent with
24 updated public health directives issued by the Department of Public Health on December 14, 2020, to
25 ensure consistency between the public health directives and the Emergency Temporary Standards;
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1 **WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2021, the Department of Public Health issued updated public
2 health directives related to physical distancing and face coverings, effective June 15, 2021,
3 based upon guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Emergency Temporary Standards remain integral to the State's ongoing
5 response to COVID-19 as they afford balanced protections for workers from the spread and impact of
6 COVID-19 as the State continues its progress in moving beyond the pandemic; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, OSHSB complied with the requirements in Section 11346.1
8 (a) (2) of the Government Code, including noticing the public of the proposed readoption of the
9 Emergency Temporary Standards and changes to align requirements related to physical distancing
10 and face coverings with public health directives; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2021, OSHSB voted to readopt the Emergency Temporary
12 Standards, incorporating the changes noticed on June 11, 2021 to align requirements related to
13 physical distancing and face coverings with public health directives that were effective June 15,
14 2021; and

15 **WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2021 Governor Newsom by Executive Order N-09-21 ordered the
16 readoption by OSHSB on June 17, 2021 of the Emergency Temporary Standards regarding COVID-
17 19 prevention to be effective immediately; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the court is subject to the Emergency Temporary Standards, and the
19 implementation of the Emergency Temporary Standards is necessary for the continued protection of
20 the health and safety of all court staff and persons within court facilities, including the requirement
21 that approved masks fully covering a person's nose and mouth be worn by all persons at all times;
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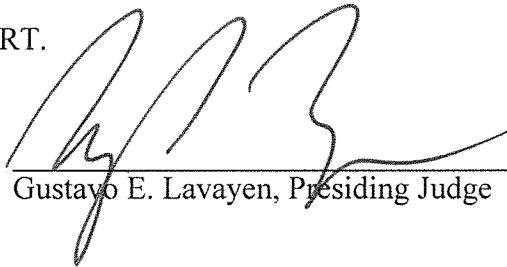
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1 **NOW, THEREFORE**, access to all court proceedings in the Santa Barbara County
2 Anacapa Courthouse only remains limited to parties, attorneys, witnesses or authorized persons,
3 which includes, but is not limited to news reporters and news media representatives, as well as
4 parties seeking business with the office of the Clerk of the Court.

5 **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT** all persons entering and remaining in Santa
6 Barbara County court facilities must always wear a mask that fully covers the person's nose and
7 mouth.

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9 THIS AMENDED ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 21, 2021, AT 8 A.M. UNTIL
10 FURTHER ORDER OF THIS COURT.

11 Dated: June 18, 2021

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14 Gustavo E. Lavayen, Presiding Judge