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COURT EXECUTIVE/CLERK  
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**COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE:  
COURT REINSTATES FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT  
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2**

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As of today, both the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have modified the public health recommendations regarding face coverings. In areas of “high transmission,” it is recommended that all individuals wear a proper face covering when indoors, regardless of whether an individual is fully vaccinated.

Over the last few weeks, the number of new cases and the positivity rate in Lake County has increased dramatically. According to Lake County Public Health, as of July 27, 2021 the new case rate is 50/100,000 and the testing positivity rate is 17.4%. This case rate is the highest in the entire state.

The court has the obligation to reasonably act to protect court staff, participants in court proceedings and all members of the public when at the court while acting to maintain public access to the court and the current scope of operations of the court.

As a result of the change in public health guidance, the extremely high virus transmission rate in Lake County and that many individuals coming to court may spend substantial time while indoors and in close proximity to others, effective August 2, 2021, face coverings will again be mandatory for everyone coming into a court facility.

As the situation is evolving, we will keep the public up to date on our website [www.lake.courts.ca.gov](http://www.lake.courts.ca.gov).