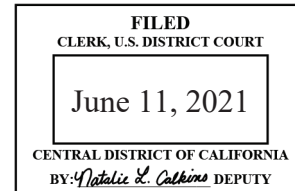


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE:

CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC
EMERGENCY

ORDER CONCERNING PHASED
REOPENING OF THE COURT

} GENERAL ORDER NO. 21-08

} (Supersedes General Order No. 21-
07, General Order No. 21-06, General
Order No. 21-03, and Order of the
Chief Judge No. 20-078)

WHEREAS, the Court adopted the Plan for Phased Resumption of Operations (“Reopening Plan”), which consisted of three phases: Phase 1 (return of certain staff to the courthouses to prepare for limited in-court hearings); Phase 2 (reopening courthouses for limited in-court hearings); and Phase 3 (resumption of jury trials);

WHEREAS, the Reopening Plan was adopted to limit the public’s and the Court’s exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of California have lifted, or will soon lift, many of the previous restrictions regarding mandatory physical distancing and face coverings for individuals vaccinated against COVID-19;

Upon unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, the Court orders as follows:

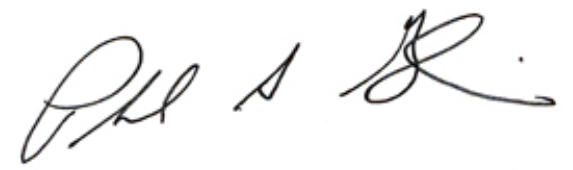
- 1 1. All of the divisions of the Central District of California will resume
2 normal operations on June 15, 2021.
- 3 2. Hearings by video or telephonic conference may continue to be held in
4 civil matters at the discretion of the assigned judge.
- 5 3. Hearings by video or telephonic conference may continue to be held in
6 certain criminal matters as set forth in Order of the Chief Judge No. 20-
7 043, unless the findings and authorizations in the Order are subsequently
8 terminated.
- 9 4. All individuals seeking entry to, or occupying, the United States
10 Courthouses or Probation and Pretrial Services Offices in the Central
11 District of California must follow the Centers for Disease Control and
12 Prevention's most recent guidance regarding face coverings or masks,
13 except under certain circumstances during in-court proceedings as noted
14 below.
 - 15 a. If the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's most
16 recent guidance or a district judge requires an individual to
17 wear a mask, the mask must completely conceal the
18 individual's nose and mouth at all times.
 - 19 b. The United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court
20 Security Officers shall enforce this Order and deny entry to
21 individuals not following the Centers for Disease Control and
22 Prevention's most recent guidance regarding face coverings
23 or masks.
- 24 5. To protect public health and safety, the following protocols are adopted
25 for all in-court proceedings:
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- a. Everyone in the courtroom must follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s most recent guidance regarding face coverings and masks.
- 6. Judges will continue to determine when their chambers staff will return to work at the Courthouses. The District Court Executive/Clerk of Court will continue to determine when and which Clerk’s Office and Probation and Pretrial Services Office staff will return to the Courthouses.

This Order shall take effect on June 15, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date of Approval by the Executive Committee: June 10, 2021

Date of Filing by the Clerk: June 11, 2021