

1 **SUPERIOR COURT**  
2 **COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
3 247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor  
4 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302

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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
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11 **IN RE:**

12 **LIMITING PUBLIC ACCESS**

13 } **GENERAL ORDER OF THE**  
14 } **PRESIDING JUDGE**  
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16 Due to Governor Gavin Newsom proclaiming a State of Emergency in California  
17 as a result of COVID-19; Governor Newsom and state public health officials  
18 announcing that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the State until at  
19 least the end of March; Governor Newsom declaring that non-essential gatherings must  
20 be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the  
21 organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person, and gatherings of  
22 individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to  
23 no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines; President  
24 Trump declaring a national emergency and issuing directives targeted at reducing  
25 social contact to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and in alignment with Chief Justice  
26 Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye's March 17, 2020 Order permitting changes in court operations  
27 during an epidemic or other condition that renders presence in, or access to, an  
28 affected court facility unsafe, the Court, to protect the health and safety of the public,

1 court personnel, and criminal defendants brought before the Court, HEREBY ORDERS  
2 AS FOLLOWS:

3 No member of the public or visitor to the courthouse shall enter any courtroom or  
4 hallway adjacent to any courtroom unless (1) that person is a party to a hearing  
5 scheduled on the day the person is present in the courthouse; (2) an attorney  
6 representing a party; and/or (3) a person under subpoena as a witness for a case  
7 scheduled for hearing on the day the person is present in the courthouse.

8 This order does not, however, abrogate the Court's discretion to permit access to  
9 any courtroom or to hallways adjacent to courtrooms to persons who are subject to this  
10 order.

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12 Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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17 MICHAEL A. SACHS  
18 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
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