



Superior Court of California County of Orange

Chambers of
KIRK H. NAKAMURA
PRESIDING JUDGE

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SANTA ANA, CA 92701

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20/17

REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE

On March 18, 2020, the Orange County Health Officer issued an [amended order](#) and guidance directing the public to operate in compliance with social distancing guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health.

On March 19, 2020 California Governor Gavin Newsom and the State Public Health Officer issued [Executive Order N-33-20](#), ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed, to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors. Courts are designated [Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#) and provide essential services during the stay at home order.

On April 4, 2020, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

[On May 22, 2020 County of Orange Health Officer Nicole Quick issued an order](#) requiring all County residents who have been diagnosed with or are likely to have COVID-19 to immediately isolate themselves for a minimum of three days after they have “recovered,” as that term is defined in the order. The May 22, 2020 order also requires that all County residents who know they have been in “close contact,” as defined in the order, with a person diagnosed or likely to have COVID-19, shall self-quarantine until 14 days from the last date they were in close contact with a person diagnosed or likely to have COVID-19.

As of May 23, 2020, Orange County has had 5,157 cumulative cases of COVID-19 and 130 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 and ordinances, I therefore order as follows:

Effective May 26, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health, all members of the public entering the court are subject to the following restrictions:

1. Anyone who has been diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 is prohibited from entering the Court, and shall instead be required to strictly adhere to the isolation and testing requirements detailed in the [May 22, 2020 order issued by the County of Orange Health Officer](#);
 - a. A person is considered to be diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19, if the person has:
 - i. Received a positive COVID-19 PCR laboratory test result; and/or
 - ii. Been informed by a physician that he or she is likely to have COVID-19; and/or
 - iii. Signs and symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 (e.g., new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing).
 - b. If a more specific isolation order is issued by the County of Orange Health Officer for any county resident, that order shall be followed instead of the [May 22, 2020 order](#).
2. Anyone who knows they have been in close contact with a person diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19, is prohibited from entering the Court, and shall follow the self-quarantine requirements detailed in the [May 22, 2020 order issued by the County of Orange Health Officer](#). Such individuals will not be permitted to enter the Court until they have self-quarantined for a period of 14 days from the last date they were in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed or likely to have COVID-19, or tested

negative after coming in close contact with a person that has been diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19.

- a. Close contact refers to any person who has been within 6 feet of an infectious COVID-19 person for 15 minutes or more. A person who is diagnosed with or likely to have COVID-19 is considered infectious from 48 hours before his or her symptoms first appeared until the person is no longer required to be isolated.

This Order 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 26th day of May, 2020, at Santa Ana, California.



Kirk H. Nakamura
Presiding Judge