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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: MASKS
DURING COURT PROCEEDINGS

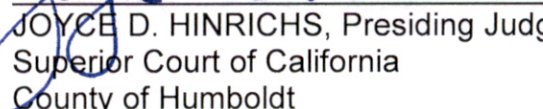
AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.: 2020-004

The Humboldt County Public Health Officer had previously ordered that face masks be worn inside public buildings prior to Humboldt County having been elevated to the most restrictive COVID tier of Purple. The requirement for a clear court record still exists for when a speaker is wearing a mask. Therefore, the judges of the Humboldt County Superior Court shall not be masked while conducting court if they cannot be clearly heard while speaking. All staff and individuals while present in court facilities are required to wear masks. If, when addressing the Court, staff or another individual cannot be heard/understood, the mask may be lowered for the limited period of time when that person is speaking. At all other times, all individuals shall wear their masks.

The second floor remains closed to the public, and when courtrooms are open, the number of criminal defendants and counsel inside the courtrooms will remain limited. Remote appearances shall continue to be required in all non-criminal matters and encouraged in criminal matters. Court proceedings, except confidential matters, will continue to be publicly broadcast.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 7, 2020


JOYCE D. HINRICHS, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California
County of Humboldt