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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KERN

**IN RE: REOPENING ACCESS TO  
COURT PROCEEDINGS DURING THE  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STD-21-0008

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

On March 4, 2020, the State of California entered a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an order directing all Californians to shelter in place at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors to protect public health and ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability.

On June 15, 2021, the Governor announced that restrictions that had been in place for the last year were eliminated, including physical distancing, capacity limits, county tier systems, and face masks in most settings for fully vaccinated individuals.

1 See Executive Orders [N-07-21](#) and [N-08-21](#).

2 [Emergency Local Rule No. 2](#) has now been amended to require face masks for  
3 those not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Each Judicial Officer retains the  
4 discretion to require all individuals to remain masked inside his or her courtroom.

5 The public will be admitted to observe all non-confidential proceedings in all  
6 Kern County Superior courtrooms. The Court and/or Judicial Officers may impose  
7 reasonable restrictions on public access to courtrooms and adjacent hallways in  
8 accordance with current and changing standards from the Centers for Disease Control  
9 and Prevention (CDC), California Department of Public Health, Division of  
10 Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), and Governor of the State of California.

11 The Court recognizes that not all members of the public may yet be able or  
12 willing to physically attend proceedings in courtroom. Until further notice of this Court,  
13 all non-confidential proceedings will still be made available via audio live streaming.  
14 Consult the Court's website for live streaming links to the various courtrooms.

15 **A. Availability of Court Calendars**

16 All of the Court's criminal calendars may be viewed at:

17 [https://itsapps.kerncounty.com/iframe/nonCMS/crimindex/crim\\_index\\_case\\_info\\_cal.](https://itsapps.kerncounty.com/iframe/nonCMS/crimindex/crim_index_case_info_cal.asp)  
18 [asp](#). All of the Court's civil calendars may be viewed at:

19 <https://odyprodportal.kern.courts.ca.gov/portalprod>

20 Electronic daily calendar monitors are also available in the lobbies of the Metro  
21 Division and Metro Justice Building for all their courtrooms. Each courtroom in these  
22 two buildings also have their own electronic daily calendar monitor located adjacent to  
23 the courtroom. With the exception of Metro Traffic Division, Juvenile Justice Center  
24 and Taft Multi-Divisional Courthouse, all other courthouses also have electronic daily  
25 calendar monitors in their lobbies.

1                   **B. Audio Live Streaming**

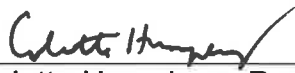
2                   Audio live streaming may not be recorded, broadcast or re-broadcast by  
3 anyone without prior written judicial authorization consistent with California Rules of  
4 Court, rule 1.150, and Kern County Superior Court Standing Order 19-0005.

5                   Each judge retains the discretion and authority to refuse, limit or terminate  
6 audio live streaming, for portions of proceedings, pursuant to the factors and  
7 prohibitions articulated in California Rules of Court, rule 1.150 and in consideration of  
8 other statutory and constitutional provisions.

9                   This order supersedes the Court's prior standing order, *Access to Court*  
10 *Proceedings During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Availability of Audio Live Streaming*,  
11 Misc. No. STO-20-0015, issued on September 29, 2020.

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13                   THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 28, 2021 AND MAY BE AMENDED AS  
14 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

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16 Dated: June 25, 2021.

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20 Colette Humphrey, Presiding Judge  
21 Kern County Superior Court  
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