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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

El Centro, California – With the significant decline in COVID cases in Imperial County and the expiration of the mask mandate as set forth in the County of Imperial Amended Order of the Health Officer dated February 10, 2022, the Superior Court of California will restore full public access to its buildings, courtrooms, and public offices.

Effective February 16, 2022, physical distancing and restrictions to public access which were implemented on January 10, 2022 will be lifted. Appointments for the Civil Clerk's office, Access Center, and Law Library will not be required, but are encouraged as patrons with appointments will have priority over walk-ins. For those wishing to make an appointment please visit the Court's website at https://www.imperial.courts.ca.gov/online-services/appointments.

In alignment with the California and Imperial County Public Health Departments, employees and members of the public who are fully vaccinated are recommended, but not required, to wear masks while inside court facilities. Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear face coverings at all times.

All non-confidential matters continue to be available for members of the public to listen online. Broadcasts of calendars may be accessed at https://www.imperial.courts.ca.gov/online-services/court-live-streams.

Finally, the Court will continue to maintain its safety protocols including COVID screening at court entrances, hand sanitizing stations throughout the courthouses, daily sanitization of court facilities and any other measures to remain in compliance with all state and local COVID guidelines/mandates.