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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
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11 GENERAL ORDER
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13 REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE
14 2022-2023 CIVIL GRAND JURY
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) GENERAL ORDER
2022-014

CR-22-999999

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19 The Court finds the Civil Grand Jury performs an important community function by providing
20 independent review, oversight and investigation of local government. The ability of the Civil
21 Grand Jury to complete its work during the COVID-19 pandemic has been limited at various
22 times, and for various reasons throughout the pandemic, and the Court has, in the past, issued
23 general orders in an attempt to allow the Civil Grand Jury to continue to carry out its duties
24 despite the impact of the pandemic here in Stanislaus County.
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1 In issuing its prior orders related to the Civil Grand Jury's operations during the COVID-19
2 pandemic, the Court has relied upon and followed guidance issued by the California Department
3 of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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6 The CDC has established COVID-19 Community Levels as a means to provide such guidance.
7 Community Levels can be "low", "medium" or "high" – depending upon the reported COVID-
8 19 metrics in a given community. The CDC's recommendations and guidance for preventing
9 transmission of COVID-19 virus change depending on a community's "level".
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12 On June 23, 2022, the CDC increased Stanislaus County's Community Level from "medium" to
13 "high" reflecting the increased spread of the COVID-19 virus in Stanislaus County. The
14 county's level has not decreased since that time – it continues to be "high". As a result of
15 Stanislaus County's "high" level, CDC guidance provides that all persons (regardless of
16 vaccination status) wear masks when indoors.
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19 As a direct result of the county's level of transmission being "high", and for so long as it remains
20 "high", the Court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**
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- 23 1. When meeting in-person – for any purpose including training and at any indoor location,
24 including Superior Court, Stanislaus County and/or City of Modesto facilities – all
25 members of the 2022-2023 Civil Grand Jury who are present must wear face masks,
26 regardless of vaccination status.
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1 This order is effective as of July 8, 2022, and shall remain in effect until amended or revoked by
2 further order of the Court when the Community Level in Stanislaus County changes.
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5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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7 DATED: July 8, 2022



Robert B. Westbrook
ROBERT B. WESTBROOK,
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE
SUPERIOR COURT