

Gustavo E. Lavayen
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SUPERIOR COURT KEEPS MASK MANDATE IN PLACE

Presiding Judge Gustavo Lavayen has ordered that all persons entering court facilities in Santa Barbara County continue wearing approved masks. Further, the use of gaiters, bandanas and handkerchiefs is prohibited. Court visitors, attorneys, jurors, staff and judges must wear an N95, KN95, KF94 mask or a combination of surgical mask and cloth mask. The mandate is reflected in the [administrative order](#) issued on January 18, 2022 which remains in full, force and effect.

The Court recognizes that the State and County have lifted mask mandates for vaccinated persons. However, the Court wishes to provide the safest environment within which to conduct court proceedings for everyone involved.

Court users have already grown accustomed to the prevalence of plexiglass throughout courtrooms and the availability of hand sanitizers and air purifiers in many of the facilities. *"This is one more measure to ensure that people are safe when they come to the Santa Barbara Superior Court"*, said Judge Lavayen.