



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE:) **GENERAL ORDER NO. 638**
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MAGISTRATE JUDGES' POLICY RE)
VACCINATION OF ALL INDIVIDUALS)
APPEARING BEFORE THE COURT IN)
THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION)
_____)

WHEREAS each U.S. Magistrate Judge of the Eastern District of California sitting in the Robert T. Matsui U.S. Courthouse in Sacramento, California, and in the U.S. Courthouse in Redding, California, has adopted the following policy applicable to his or her courtroom, and

WHEREAS in the interests of efficiency and clarity a single General Order is the best mechanism for conveying these Magistrate Judges' policy to those affected,

NOW THEREFORE, the following policy is in effect unless or until modified or rescinded by the court:

When appearing or otherwise present in the courtroom for any in-person hearings, trials or other court proceedings before any Magistrate Judge in the area served by the Sacramento federal courthouse, including Redding, of the Eastern District of California, all individuals must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless otherwise ordered by the judge presiding over the proceeding in a particular case. Fully vaccinated means two weeks past the second dose of a

two-dose vaccine or the one dose of a single-dose vaccine. If a person is either not fully vaccinated or is otherwise claiming an exemption, that person or their representative may contact the judge's courtroom deputy to arrange for appearance by Zoom or telephonically.

To facilitate the effective administration of this requirement, all vaccinated individuals must submit proof of vaccination to the court no later than 5 court days before the date of an in-person proceeding. The Clerk's Office will provide instructions for submitting proof of vaccination. After submitting proof of vaccination, all individuals appearing for any in-person proceeding will still be required to wear masks in public areas of the courthouse in accordance with current CDC and local guidance and the court's General Orders. Each judge will determine the masking status of individuals in the courtroom.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 2, 2021.



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE