

HON. ROGER L. EFREMSKY'S
IN-PERSON TRIAL PROCEDURES
DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

These Procedures are necessitated by the current COVID-19 health crisis, the orders of the Alameda County Health authorities, and Federal authorities. They are intended to ensure as much as possible that the courtroom is a safe health environment for the conduct of in-person trials in this court.

Therefore, for all in-person trials, the court will follow, and expects the parties to follow, the following procedures:

1. The court hopes and expects that all parties, witnesses and counsel will be fully vaccinated before the conduct of the trial.
2. All parties and their counsel are required to review the United States District Court's COVID-19 Prescreening Questionnaire, available [here](#).¹ The court will confirm compliance with this requirement with each participant (parties, counsel, witnesses) before the commencement of the trial.
3. Regardless of vaccination status, all parties, witnesses and counsel are required to wear masks in the courthouse, including the courtroom, meeting rooms, hallways, bathrooms and common areas.
4. All parties, witnesses and counsel will be required to comply with physical distancing measures adopted by the court and as directed by court staff. Counsel should be aware that clients and counsel will be separated physically at counsel's table.
5. The court reserves the right to modify this order or rules in the courtroom for conditions that are not anticipated or to ensure public safety protocols are adhered to.
6. Counsel should inform the court immediately of any reasons that will prevent the trial from commencing as scheduled by contacting Monica Burley, Courtroom Deputy at (510) 879-3541.

¹ See <https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/notices/safety-protocols-for-northern-district-of-california-courthouses-updated-july-28-2021/>