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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
IN AND FOR YAKIMA COUNTY

In Re:
ORDER RESCINDING ALL
EMERGENCY ORDERS RE: COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER NO.

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WHEREAS the state and this county have received a rapid rollout of COVID-19 vaccine and continue to see a significant decline in the numbers of people showing symptoms of, being diagnosed with, and hospitalized for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS health officials locally and nationally over the past few months, have relaxed the requirements related to the imposition of mandate mitigation strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.19 on March 11, 2022, lifting the statewide mask mandate generally, with some exceptions.

WHEREAS the Washington State Supreme Court has adopted Order No. 25700-B-602 granting our Superior Court emergency authority to adopt, modify, and suspend court rules and orders, and to take further actions concerning court operations, as warranted to address the current and changing state of emergency.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

2 The Court rescinds all previously enacted emergency orders issued in response
3 to the COVID-19 pandemic, except as provided herein.

- 4 1. Courtrooms in the basement of the Yakima County Jail are excepted because
5 they are located in a correctional facility. Correctional facilities must continue to
6 wear face coverings, based on Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25.19.
- 7 2. Individual judicial officers may request participants in their courtroom to wear a
8 facial covering, subject to paragraph 6 of the June 25, 2020, Emergency Order.
- 9 3. Nothing herein shall prevent individual judicial officers from utilizing Zoom in their
10 courtrooms.

11 Dated this 14th day of March 2022.

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14 Richard H. Bartheld, Presiding Judge

15 Yakima County Superior Court