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APPROXIMATELY 99% OF ALL EMPLOYEES HAVE SUBMITTED PROOF OF VACCINATION OR SOUGHT A MEDICAL OR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AS THE COURT'S COVID VACCINE MANDATE TAKES EFFECT

After notifying employees they had 45 days to get fully vaccinated on or before October 7 as a condition of employment, approximately 99% of the nation's largest trial court's employees have provided proof of full vaccination or requested a medical or religious exemption as required under the Court's mandatory vaccination policy – and the number continues to rise hour-by-hour, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court Sherri R. Carter announced today.

"I am extremely proud that our employees have prioritized their own health as well as the well-being of co-workers and the public who rely on them to access justice," Carter said. "Court employees have done their part to help Los Angeles County public health officials get as many people vaccinated as possible as we work together to one day end this pandemic."

The vaccine mandate, which took effect August 23, did not include judicial officers, as

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they are state Constitutional Officers and not employees of the Court. However, Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor indicated that judicial officers are equally supportive of the vaccination effort, and that most judges are participating by voluntarily reporting their vaccination status.

The Court was one of the first public sector employers in the state of California to announce a mandatory vaccination policy for its workforce.

“Since the start of the pandemic, the Court has strictly followed public health and CDC guidelines to protect those who enter its courthouses and provided all of this information on our website since the pandemic’s onset at this link:

<http://www.lacourt.org/newsmedia/ui/AccessLACourtYourWay.aspx>,” Presiding Judge Taylor said. “The Court continued to require face coverings in all public and private spaces even when other agencies and businesses stopped doing so. The summer Delta surge demonstrated the prudence of the Court’s protective approach.”

Led by Presiding Judge Taylor, the Court advocated for court staff, as well as the Court’s justice partners, to be prioritized early this year for the COVID-19 vaccination.

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