



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

NEWS RELEASE

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NOTICE OFOMICRON MITIGATION PLAN

California is experiencing a significant spike in positive COVID-19 cases due to the omicron variant. We have seen a similar uptick in positive cases in Sacramento County and here at our own Court, with cases quadrupling. Unfortunately, this is something we anticipated. As of Wednesday, January 5, 2022, we are implementing the following temporary mitigation measures, effective at least through **January 21st**:

- Greatly restricting the number of jury trials assigned;
- Increasing physical distancing requirements;
- Utilizing vacant departments for jury deliberations to ensure appropriate physical distancing;
- Greatly restricting the number of preliminary hearings/other evidentiary hearings being assigned;
- Encourage parties to appear remotely as much as possible;
- Lighten calendars, where appropriate and possible;
- Ensure all parties are complying with the current mask mandate.

We will continue to monitor the situation and will scale up or scale down depending on the current circumstances. A further scale down could include fully remote hearings.

As always, please stay home if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Thank you for your continued willingness to adjust our strategies as we respond to the continuing health crisis.