



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**NOTICE OFOMICRON MITIGATION PLAN**

California continues to experience significant spikes 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. We will continue to follow the temporary mitigation measures effectuated on January 5 through **February 4<sup>th</sup>**:

- 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.