



Superior Court of the State of California
In and For The County of Placer
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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PLACER COUNTY ANNOUNCES
UPDATED ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
UPDATED JANUARY 07, 2022**

The Superior Court of Placer County is announcing updates to its face covering requirements and changes to operational and service functions to mitigate the impacts of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases related to the Omicron variant.

On March 9, 2020, the Superior Court of Placer County announced the first changes in its operations due to the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. Today's notice, roughly 22 months after the first change in court services, represents the 61st notice from this court in response to the pandemic. The court has continued to remain open throughout the pandemic with varying levels of service and operations, in response to guidance from local public health authorities, in an effort to balance the obligations to provide access to justice with the need to protect the health of the public, parties, attorneys and justice agency staff entering our courthouses, along with the health and safety of our judicial officers, employees, and court security.

Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and the recent announcement from the State of California extending universal masking indoors through February 15, 2022, **face coverings are now required in all court facilities, regardless of vaccination status.** The court will reevaluate this requirement leading up to February 15, 2022.

Placer County Public Health has issued a health warning advising residents, regardless of vaccination status, to use high-quality masks while in all indoor settings to protect against the highly infectious Omicron and Delta variants. (<https://www.placer.ca.gov/7745/Public-Health-extends-Health-Warning>)

To that end, the court is highly encouraging the wearing of higher-quality medical masks (surgical, KN94, KN95 or N95) while in the courthouse. The court is highly discouraging wearing cloth face coverings while in the courthouse.

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Due to the critical state of Placer County hospitals that serve both Placer County residents and those in our surrounding counties, the court announces the following mitigation plan through at least February 18, 2022:

- Jury trials will be assigned on a limited basis.
- The court highly encourages parties to appear remotely pursuant to the court's Emergency Local Rules and information located on the court's Remote Appearance webpage.

Placer Superior Court Emergency Local Rules:

http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/forms/Emergency%20Local%20Rules_Updated%20Effective%201%201%202022.pdf

Remote Appearance webpage: <http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/RAS.shtml>

- The aforementioned changes are intended to reduce the number of individuals attending court hearings in-person. Although remote appearances are not mandated for small claims, civil, probate, and family law, the court continues to encourage remote appearances in these areas.
- For Criminal Cases - Attorneys are encouraged to utilize P.C. §977 as outlined in the Emergency Local Rules of Court.
- The court will ensure compliance with face covering mandates.
- The court will postpone all Department 30 traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction pre-trial and post-trial matters set January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022 to an available date at least 12 weeks from the currently scheduled court date. This includes all pay or appear dates for traffic infractions. **Defendants in need of a hearing during this time period are encouraged to request a remote appearance by following instructions on the court's website. The number of remote appearances per day are limited.**
- The court will postpone all Department 30 traffic misdemeanors, pre- and post-trial hearings set January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022 to an available date at least eight (8) weeks from the currently scheduled court date. **Defendants in need of a hearing during this time period are encouraged to request a remote appearance by following instructions on the court's website. The number of remote appearances per day are limited.**
- **All other general misdemeanor matters, DUI misdemeanors and Domestic Violence misdemeanors will continue to be heard.**
- The court will reinstitute the *Traffic Ticket: Quick Off-Ramp* for the period of January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022, an alternative program for individuals with a good DMV record. See the court's website for more information.
(<http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov/division-traffic-main.shtml>)
- The court will postpone all traffic infraction and non-traffic infraction trials set January 18, 2022 through February 18, 2022 to an available date at least eight (8) weeks out.
- Operations and Services not outlined in this Notice remain unchanged.

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All court clerk's offices remain open.

If you believe you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or any other communicable disease, or if you are subject to quarantine due to close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at 916-408-6000 for further information. If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney first before calling the court. Defendants who have posted bail are encouraged to discuss their bail with their attorney and bail bonding company.

For information on specific cases, please visit the court's website or call 916-408-6000.