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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SOLANO**

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ORDER SUSPENDING JURY TRIALS AND
NONESENTIAL COURT OPERATIONS

MISC. NO. M-1-2022

Effective January 10, 2022, and until further notice, the Solano County Courts will implement significantly reduced operations due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.

This order is based on the State of California Executive Order N-21-21, extending the previous Executive Order N-12-21 until March 31, 2022. This standing order will be vacated once the current COVID-19 health crisis passes.

On Wednesday, January 5, 2022, the County of Solano reported 2,708 active COVID-19 infections. Moreover, the seven-day testing positivity rate continues to rise alarmingly, and now stands at 30%. The County reported an average of 426 new cases for the preceding week, and a 14-day uptick in reported cases of 577.7%. The present rate of infection in Solano County and in the Bay Area Region is at an all-time high. Due to the rise in the spread of the

1 COVID-19 virus, and in light of the highly contagious and often asymptomatic Omicron strain of
2 the virus, the court must take the following additional protective measures:

3 **THE COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

4 **Courthouse Access:**

5 1. In the interest of enforcing social distancing, at least six (6) feet apart, and to
6 reduce the number of people in the courthouses, access to courthouses is restricted at all
7 times to judicial officers, co-lessees, Judicial Council staff, vendors, jurors, mediators,
8 authorized persons (which includes, but is not limited to, news media representatives and
9 news reporters), attorneys, litigants, and witnesses with matters on calendars, and individual
10 appointments.

11 2. In the interests of enforcing social distancing and reducing the number of people
12 in courthouses, effective Monday, January 10, 2022, members of the public, not otherwise
13 referenced above, who wish to attend a court proceeding may do so upon advance request
14 and at the discretion of the judicial officer presiding over the matter. Instructions on how to
15 make such a request are available on the Court's website at the Court's COVID page in the
16 document titled *Access to Remote Court Proceedings*. All persons attending court
17 proceedings, whether in person or remotely, must comply with the applicable California Rules
18 of Court, including Rule 1.150. There shall be no unauthorized recording of the court
19 proceeding, hearing or trial.

20 3. Attorneys, litigants, witnesses, and authorized persons are prohibited from
21 gathering with or speaking to anyone outside their household in the courthouse hallways or
22 other public areas of the Court unless they can do so at least six feet apart from each other
23 and while wearing a mask over their nose and mouth.

24 4. To enforce social distancing, each court department shall schedule only the
25 number of matters during each session as it can accommodate consistent with social

1 distancing requirements in courtrooms and outside hallways of the courthouse.

2 5. Eating in courthouse hallways and courtrooms shall be prohibited at all times.

3 6. Sherriff's Department personnel are directed to enforce this Order and the
4 Court's Amended Face Mask orders.

5 **Jury Trials:**

6 7. Effective Monday, January 10, 2022, and until further notice, jury trials that are
7 not mandated to occur within a statutory deadline are hereby temporarily suspended. Any
8 parties who wish to object or to be heard may do so either in person or remotely, as arranged
9 by the individual judge to whom the case has been assigned for jury trial.

10 **Other Hearings:**

11 8. Effective Monday, January 10, 2022, and until further notice, all regularly
12 scheduled hearings that are not mandated to occur within a statutory deadline are hereby
13 temporarily suspended. Any parties who wish to object or to be heard may do so either in
14 person or remotely, as arranged by the individual judge to whom the case has been assigned
15 for that hearing.

16 On balance, this Court finds that the risk of COVID-19 infection to all who enter the
17 courthouses outweighs the need to conduct non-essential court operations at this time, and
18 under the present circumstances.

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21 Dated: January 7, 2022



HON. DONNA L. STASHYN
Presiding Judge

