#### Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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### Court to Reopen Public Counters and Reinstate Public Access to Courthouses on Monday, January 31

With Santa Clara County Public Health Department data showing declining infection rates within our County, similar data from other Bay Area counties, and increasing normalization in Court staffing levels, the Superior Court will reopen the Clerk's Offices and remove the temporary restrictions to public access beginning Monday, January 31, 2022.

"Due to the spike in case rates created by the Omicron variant, the Court experienced significant staffing shortages necessitating temporary restrictions to in-person access to the Court. In line with currently declining case rates County-wide, the Court has also seen a reduction in employee absences allowing us once again to provide in-person courthouse access. Starting Monday, January 31, 2022, we are happy to be able to reinstate in-person public access to the people of Santa Clara County," said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner. "Going forward, it is absolutely critical that anyone who is sick should not come to the Court. The Court will postpone and reschedule court dates, as necessary, to accommodate those who are ill due to COVID-19. Unrepresented individuals should reach out to the Court directly, while those with attorneys should communicate with their counsel."

#### \*\*\*If you are sick or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, DO NOT come to Court. \*\*\*

If you need to contact the Court or inform us of an illness, please use the following contact methods:

#### **How to Contact the Court**

The safety and health of individuals permitted access to the courthouses is the Court's highest priority. As such, the Court has undertaken significant measures to bolster janitorial and sanitization efforts within our facilities, including:

- Signage with public safety protocols including not coming to Court if you are sick
- Increased efforts to clean and sanitize high traffic areas (including use of electrostatic sprayers);
- Mandating the use of double-layer face coverings in the courthouse;
- Staggering the start times for hearing calendars;
- Reducing the number of matters on each calendar;
- Utilizing remote appearance technology in courtrooms;
- Installing Plexiglas in open courtrooms; and
- Providing hand sanitizer and sanitary wipes throughout the courthouse and in courtrooms.

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# STOP

## DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE SICK



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Small Claims	sssclaimsinfo@scscourt.org
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