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Continued Suspension of Jury Trials through February 4, 2022

Based on the reported infection and hospitalization rates in Contra Costa and surrounding counties, coupled with the continued uptick in COVID-19 infections (and mandated periods of isolation/quarantine) among court personnel, attorneys, litigants and other court users, the Court suspended new jury trials beginning December 27, 2021. The current suspension was set to end today. Because these conditions continue, **the Court will extend the suspension of new jury trials for one week, through February 4, 2022.** This suspension does not apply to any ongoing jury trial that began before the earlier suspension on December 27, 2021.

The Court hopes to resume full operations on February 7, 2022, but the current risk of continued exposure and spread of the new COVID-19 variant continues to be too great for those who work for or at the Court, access court facilities, and appear in courtrooms (including those who are detained in county jail or live in congregant care facilities). As before, all other court operations, including access to the Court Clerk's Offices, remain uninterrupted. The Court understands how important and vital access is for those seeking adjudication of their matters. The Court will continue to monitor the situation closely so that jury trials may resume at the earliest possible time and when it is safer to do so.

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