



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
DIRECTING ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNTY TO OCCUR
VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND ENCOURAGING
WORKPLACES TO CONDUCT MEETINGS REMOTELY AS BUSINESS NEEDS
PERMIT**

DATE OF ORDER: January 6, 2022

BACKGROUND

The rapid emergence of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Omicron variant coupled with holiday gatherings has led to unprecedented COVID-19 case rates in Sacramento County. On December 30, 2021, there were 1,917 new COVID-19 cases reported in Sacramento County, which is 51.3% higher than the highest episode date of the winter surge of 2020 (1,267; December 14, 2020). Sacramento County's COVID-19 case rate on January 4, 2022 reached an all-time high level of 80.3 per 100,000 residents.

While data on the Omicron variant is still emerging, it has quickly become the dominant variant in the United States. The high case rates in our region are projected to impact capacity in Sacramento County hospitals.

All individuals in Sacramento County, especially those who are unvaccinated or not up-to-date with their vaccination (boosted, if eligible) and those at higher risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19, should take personal measures to reduce their risk of acquiring COVID-19. In addition to existing COVID-19 mitigation measures, including vaccination and face coverings, additional actions can help limit the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in workplaces and public settings.

This Order is necessary to control and reduce the rate of community spread and to reinforce the need for safe interactions. The Health Officer will continue to assess the public health situation as it evolves and will reevaluate the need for this Order no later than February 1, 2022. The Health Officer may modify this Order, or issue additional Orders related to COVID-19, as changing circumstances dictate.

ORDER

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 101040, 101085, 120175, AND 120220, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO ("HEALTH OFFICER") HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Order **shall become effective January 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.** and will continue to be in effect until rescinded or amended in writing by the Health Officer.
2. The July 29, 2021 Order of the Health Officer directing all individuals in Sacramento County to wear face coverings indoors in workplaces and public settings remains in place and is unaffected by this Order.
3. All public boards, councils, commissions, and other similar bodies shall suspend in-person public meetings and conduct all meetings virtually. Affected bodies shall ensure opportunities for virtual public participation and compliance with the Brown Act and all other relevant statutes.
4. Employers and businesses shall consider conducting meetings remotely and take other measures as necessary to reduce transmission risk as much as business needs will permit.
5. Employers and businesses subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) and/or the Cal/OSHA Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standards should consult the applicable regulations for additional requirements. The ETS allow local health jurisdictions to mandate more protective measures.
6. All State orders and guidance documents referenced in State orders are complementary to this Order. By way of this Order, the Health Officer adopts such directives as orders as well. Where a conflict exists between a local order and any State public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision controls pursuant to, and consistent with, California Health and Safety Code § 131080.
7. **Copies of Order.** Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County Administration Building at 700 H Street, Sacramento 95814, First Floor; (2) posted on the Sacramento County COVID-19 website (COVID19.saccounty.net) and County Health Department's website (dhs.saccounty.net/PUB); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

8. **Severability.** If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS
Health Officer of the County of Sacramento

Dated: January 6, 2022