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will continue to be in effect until rescinded or amended in writing by the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