

PUBLIC NOTICE

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OMICRON SURGE PUSHES DELAYS IN COURT SERVICES

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— Due to the recent COVID-19 surge brought on by the Omicron variant, San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) is again adapting to continued changing conditions.

We continue to be committed to maintaining access to justice through inperson and remote services. However, Omicron has presented high incidences of COVID-19, and as a result, certain locations or units within the respective court locations may have to close for part or the entire day at any given time due to shortages. Members of the public are highly encouraged to frequently check SBSC's designated COVID-19 webpage (www.sb-court.org/covid-19), and social media accounts (Twitter and Facebook) for the latest services available to the public prior to coming into the court in person.

You may also experience longer wait times for in-person and over the phone services. Please continue to have patience, wear your mask, in accordance with the statewide mandate, and do not come to court if you are sick. Remote services are highly encouraged whenever possible, including:

- Remote appearances Appearing remotely on your case is highly encouraged. Visit <u>https://www.sb-court.org/general-</u> information/remote-access for more information.
- Drop boxes Are used for filing papers and are available at each court location from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any documents deposited in a court's drop box up to and including 4:00 p.m. on a court day is deemed to have been deposited for filing on that day. No cash payments are accepted via drop box.
- TurboCourt This service permits court users to prepare and submit documents to the court electronically.
- Fax filing Court users may also file documents by facsimile.
- Online options Court users may access case information and make fine or fee payments through the court's online Case Search and Calendar Search portal and payment system.

 Audio streaming – Aims to preserve public access to the court, while limiting physical access in the courthouse and courtrooms, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific instructions and courtrooms available for audio streaming are located on the court's public website (see: <u>https://www.sb-court.org/general-information/courtroom-audio-streaming</u>).

For media-related inquiries, please contact Julie Van Hook, Communications and Public Affairs Officer at <u>courts-pio@sb-court.org</u>.