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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County announces temporary change to telephone, drop box, and clerk's office hours.

The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that it is enacting temporary changes to some of its telephone, drop box, and clerk's office hours, effective Monday, January 10, 2022. Specifically, for the clerk's offices listed below, the new telephone hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., drop boxes will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and the clerk's offices will be open for in-person service from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. These changes will affect the following locations:

- Civil and Appeals clerk's offices at the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland;
- Records clerk's office at the George E. McDonald Hall of Justice in Alameda;
- Civil/Family clerk's office at the Hayward Hall of Justice; and
- Probate clerk's office at the Berkeley Courthouse.

[Civil e-filing](#) will still be available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, and all other telephone, drop box, and clerk's office hours will remain unchanged.

These temporary changes will allow the Court to mitigate the ongoing surge in COVID cases brought about as a result of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. The Court will continue to monitor the situation and make additional changes as circumstances warrant.

Members of the public and the press can continue to access non-confidential proceedings remotely via [live audio streaming](#) as set forth in [emergency Local Rule 1.7a](#). And while parties and counsel now have the ability to appear in person as detailed in the Court's [December 22, 2021, press release](#), the Court continues to encourage parties to appear remotely if at all possible.

For additional information related to the Court's COVID response, please see our dedicated [COVID-19 page](#), and please follow [@AlamedaSuperior](#) on Twitter for immediate updates.