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CLERK'S ALERT

Emergency Order 35 - Suspension of In-Person Criminal Trials Until February 11, 2022

Yesterday, King County Superior Court entered Emergency Order 35, in effect January 12, 2022 through February 11, 2022, which orders: Effective immediately all new in-person criminal trials (not hearings, only trials) are suspended until the close of business February 11, 2022.

- A copy of this emergency order is available at: <https://kingcounty.gov/~media/courts/superior-court/docs/COVID-19/FILED-Emergency-Order35-KCSC-200120501.ashx?la=en>
- The court may extend this order beyond February 11, 2022 if needed based on re-evaluation in early February.

Emergency Order 33 regarding all civil trials being virtual, with discretion to the judicial officers, remains in effect and is not impacted by this new emergency order.

- A copy of this emergency order is available on the Superior Court website at: <https://kingcounty.gov/~media/courts/superior-court/docs/COVID-19/FILED-Emergency-Order33-KCSC-210120503.ashx?la=en>

In response to the ongoing public health emergency in Washington State and more specifically, the emergence of the Omicron Variant of Covid-19 in King County, new Emergency Order 35 will reduce in-person court appearances by suspending in-person criminal trials for a two week period. Virtual civil trials will continue to take place as outlined in Emergency order 33.