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First Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 Omicron Variant in San Joaquin County

Stockton, CA (December 28, 2021) — Genomic sequencing of positive COVID-19 test results from San Joaquin County has identified two cases of the omicron variant of the virus in the County. Both individuals were fully vaccinated but without a booster. As of today, just over 71 percent of eligible San Joaquin County residents are fully or partially vaccinated.

“With its fast transmission rates, we anticipated the omicron variant appearing locally,” said Dr. Maggie Park, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer. “That’s why we continue to encourage anyone who’s eligible to get vaccinated and get a booster—especially as people consider gathering for New Year’s. As we start 2022, let’s do our best to protect ourselves and those around us through testing and vaccination.”

Remember, you can reduce the risk of becoming exposed or spreading COVID-19:

- Stay home if you develop COVID-19 symptoms, which often resembles cold or flu symptoms
- Get a COVID-19 test if symptoms develop or before traveling or gathering with people you don’t live with
- Remember, test three to five days after traveling or gathering
- Wear masks or face coverings in indoor public spaces

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be the best chance to avoid serious illness and hospitalization for all age groups. If you haven’t yet been vaccinated, appointments are available for anyone ages 5 and older. Learn more about local COVID-19 vaccination and testing at www.sjready.org and check locations and schedule appointments at myturn.ca.gov.

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