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JUVENILE DEPENDENCY JUDGE ASSIGNED TO EDMUND D. EDELMAN CHILDREN'S COURTHOUSE UNDER 14-DAY QUARANTINE

Judges, Courtroom Staff, Attorneys Must Quarantine for 14 Days

Presiding Judge Kevin C. Brazile announced a Judge assigned to a Dependency department in the Edmund D. Edelman Children's Courthouse notified the Court today of being diagnosed with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Although the Judge has not been tested, in an abundance of caution, the Court has asked the affected Judge and Court staff to self-quarantine. Due to privacy issues, names will not be released.

The Court also has notified the agencies and attorney offices assigned to handle the cases in the affected department, including the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services; Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers; Children's Law Center; Office of the Los Angeles County Counsel; and the Sheriff's Department.

After receiving notification from the Judge, the Court cleaned and disinfected the courtroom and the Judge's chambers according to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The courthouse, which handles Adoptions and Juvenile Dependency, will remain open. The Court will make every effort to advise all persons who may have been exposed to the affected Judge.

For the latest updates on Coronavirus/COVID-19-related impacts to Court operations, please consult the Court's COVID-19 News Center located at the top of our <u>homepage</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.