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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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PRESIDING JUDGE-ELECT ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES ORDER AUTHORIZING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY CONTINUANCES FOR CRIMINAL, JUVENILE DEPENDENCY MATTERS AS COVID-19 CASES SOAR IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Presiding Judge-elect Eric C. Taylor issued a General Order today extending last-day deadlines for Criminal and Juvenile Dependency matters pursuant to the emergency powers granted to him by Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye under Government Code 68115. The new Order takes effect upon today's expiration of General Order 2020-GEN-026-00, issued on December 2, 2020.

The Order, which is attached, provides emergency relief as follows:

Criminal:

- Extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- Extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021, inclusive.
- Extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021, inclusive.

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GENERAL ORDER

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- Extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor pretrial hearings set on January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021, inclusive.

Juvenile Dependency:

- Extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021, inclusive.
- Extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire from January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021, inclusive.

The Order also requires, in accordance with [General Order No. 2020-GEN-016-02](#), all persons to wear a face mask over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings (see [California Department of Public Health Guidance Concerning the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020) are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment. Sheriff's Department personnel are directed to enforce the mandatory face mask requirement and social distancing protocols in courthouses.

All judicial Orders and COVID-19 protocols are available on the Court's *Here For You | Safe For You* page at this link: <http://www.lacourt.org/newsmedia/ui/HfySfy.aspx>.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING JUDGE RE COVID-19
PANDEMIC

GENERAL ORDER

As Los Angeles County faces a dangerous rise in the number of COVID-19 cases, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (LASC or Court) must take more stringent measures to continue to operate safely.

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS, AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Courthouse Access and Remote Appearances:

- a. In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users and enforcing social distancing, persons seeking services from the Clerk’s Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers must have a prescheduled appointment. For telephone or video assistance, or [to schedule an appointment](#), the telephone number for each courthouse is listed at the courthouse entry and posted on the Court’s website, www.lacourt.org.
- b. Access to LASC proceedings is governed by [General Order 2020-GEN-025-00](#) issued on November 23, 2020.

2. Face Coverings:

In accordance with [General Order No. 2020-GEN-016-02](#) issued on October 13, 2020, all persons are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while

1 in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face
2 coverings compliant with the California Department of Public Health [Guidance](#)
3 [Concerning the Use of Face Coverings](#) issued on June 18, 2020, are urged to seek an
4 accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their
5 court appearance or appointment.

6 **3. Judicial Emergency Order Continuances:**

7 a. Juvenile Dependency

8 i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare
9 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
10 dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than
11 seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline
12 would otherwise expire from **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**,
13 inclusive.

14 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare
15 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
16 dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than
17 seven (7) days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline
18 would otherwise expire from **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**,
19 inclusive.

20 b. Criminal

21 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide](#)
22 [Emergency Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief
23 Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council which the Court
24 implemented in its [General Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2,
25 2020, and until further notice, the Court extends the time provided by
26 section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination
27 and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not more than 30
28 court days.

- ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**, inclusive.
- iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**, inclusive.
- iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held sooner and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody misdemeanor pretrial hearings set on **January 4, 2021 to January 28, 2021**, inclusive.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS, ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS. THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 31, 2020



Eric C. Taylor

 ERIC C. TAYLOR
 Presiding Judge-elect