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PRESIDING JUDGE ERIC C. TAYLOR ISSUES NEW GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING CERTAIN CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE DEADLINES

Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor today announced a new General Order to extend certain Criminal and Juvenile deadlines as the Court continues its measured approach to provide safe access to justice amid the ongoing pandemic. The General Order, issued under the authority of Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, extends certain Criminal deadlines by two (2) weeks and certain Juvenile deadlines by four (4) weeks.

“With the issuance of this new General Order, the Court continues its efforts to restore Criminal court operations to pre-pandemic levels by using the relief provided by the Chief Justice sparingly,” Presiding Judge Taylor said. “The Court is encouraged by the County’s improving COVID-19 trends and will continue its periodic assessment of the need for such relief as we seek to balance access to justice with our commitment to ensuring the health and safety of court users.”

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**GENERAL ORDER
2-2-2-2**

The Order, which is attached, extends deadlines as follows in:

Criminal

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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 **October 10, 2021**, to **October 22, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iii) By 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on **October 10, 2021**, to **October 22, 2021**, inclusive.
- (iv) 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 **October 10, 2021**, to **October 22, 2021**, inclusive.

Juvenile Dependency

- (i) 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 **October 10, 2021**, to **November 5, 2021**, inclusive; and
- (ii) 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 **October 10, 2021**, to **November 5, 2021**, inclusive.

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**GENERAL ORDER
3-3-3-3**

The Order also states that in accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings compliant with the guidance are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment. A list of ADA liaisons is available at <http://www.lacourt.org/ada/adahome.aspx>.

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services from the Clerk’s Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers are encouraged to schedule appointments. 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.

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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

In its continuing efforts to balance its obligation to maintain access to justice with its commitment to safeguard the well-being of court users, the **SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Clerk’s Office and Self-Help Center Appointments:

In the interest of safeguarding the well-being of court users, persons seeking services from the Clerk’s Office, court support services, and/or the Self-Help Centers are encouraged to schedule appointments. 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.

2. Face Coverings:

In accordance with [General Order 2021-GEN-023-00](#), all persons – regardless of vaccination status – are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth while in a courthouse. Persons whose disabilities preclude them from wearing face coverings compliant with the Guidance, are urged to seek an accommodation under [Rule 1.100](#) of the California Rules of Court in advance of their court appearance or appointment.

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

2 a. Juvenile Dependency

- 3 i. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 313 of the Welfare and
4 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
5 proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven (7) days,
6 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
7 from **October 10, 2021 to November 5, 2021**, inclusive.
- 8 ii. The Court extends the time periods provided in section 315 of the Welfare and
9 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency
10 proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven (7) days,
11 applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline would otherwise expire
12 from **October 10, 2021 to November 5, 2021**, inclusive.

13 b. Criminal

- 14 i. Pursuant to the authority granted by the [March 30, 2020 Statewide Emergency](#)
15 [Order](#) issued by the Honorable Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of California
16 and Chair of the Judicial Council, which the Court implemented in its [General](#)
17 [Order No. 2020-GEN-007-00](#) issued on April 2, 2020, and **until October 22,**
18 **2021**, the Court extends the time provided by section 859b of the Penal Code for
19 the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from
20 10 court days to not more than 30 court days.
- 21 ii. The Court extends the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for
22 the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases
23 in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would
24 expire from **October 10, 2021 to October 22, 2021**, inclusive.
- 25 iii. The Court extends by 90 calendar days post-conviction progress reports set on
26 **October 10, 2021 to October 22, 2021**, inclusive.
- 27 iv. The Court extends by 90 calendar days, unless statutorily required to be held
28 sooner and the defendant does not consent to a continuance, out-of-custody

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2 inclusive.

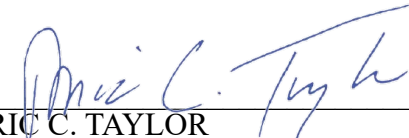
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4 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT**
5 **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, OR UNTIL ITS PROVISIONS EXPIRE BY THEIR TERMS,**
6 **ARE RESCINDED, AMENDED, OR ARE SUPERSEDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDERS.**

7 **THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

8 **GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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11 DATED: October 7, 2021



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13 ERIC C. TAYLOR
14 Presiding Judge